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# Dedication

*We, the class of 1925, do respectfully dedicate this third volume of The Varinian to Miss Irene Summers, who, by her wise and judicious mode, her piety, her benevolence and her faithfulness to us, has won our affection, elevated our souls, helped cultivate our natural genius and aroused within us a desire to excel in knowledge and do only that which is clean and pure and noble.*

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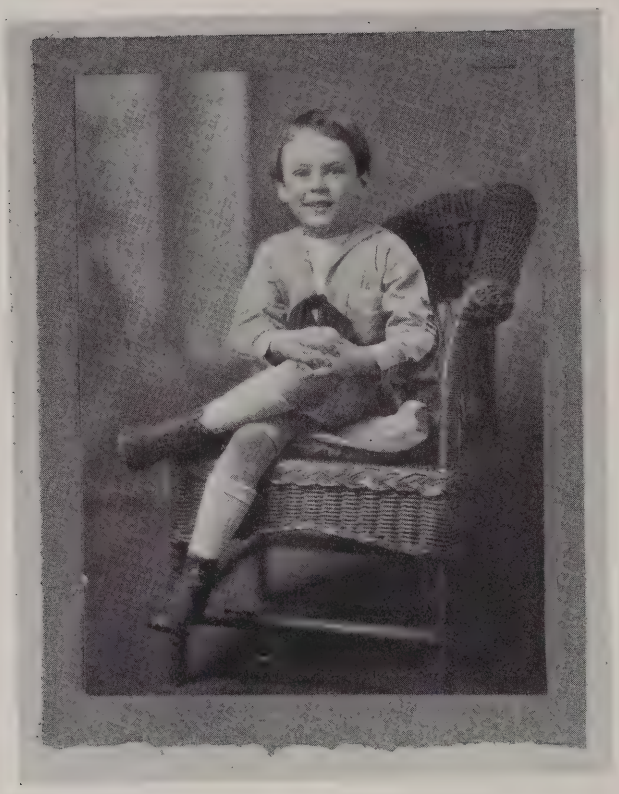

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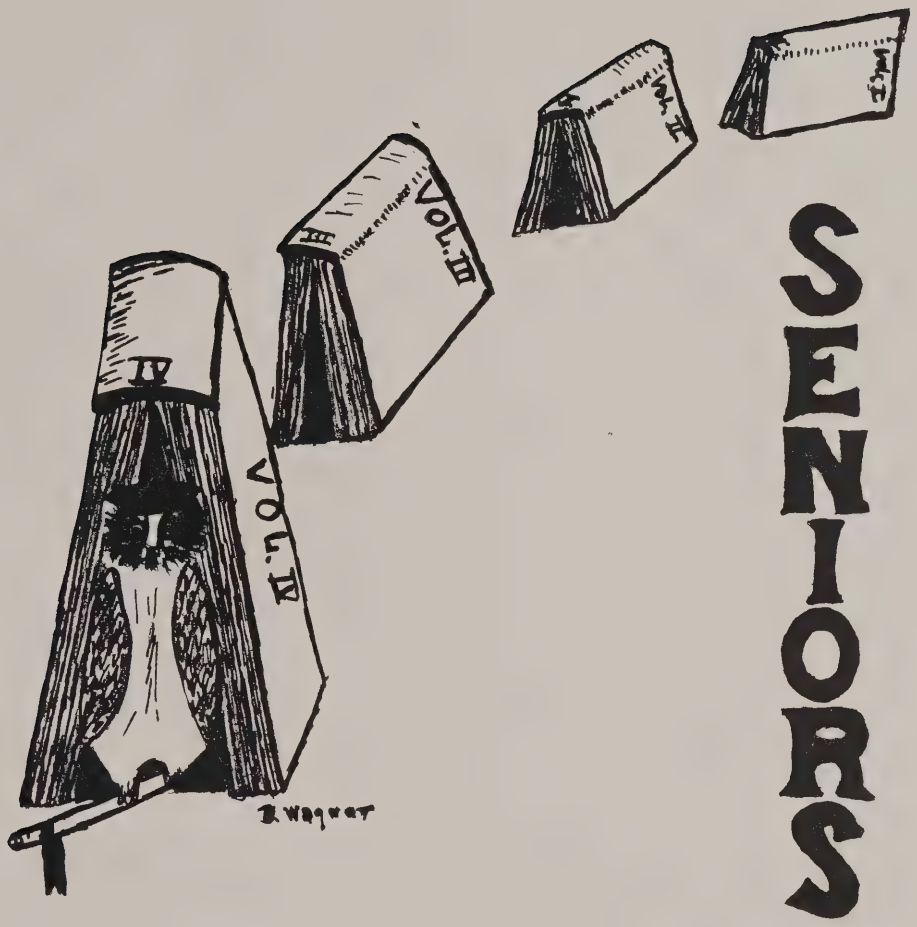
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# Varina Highway

*We longed to find the road to fame,*
*But not a highway bore that name.*
*We thought to fame that there must be*
*A level path that we could see,*
*But every road to which we came*
*Possessed a terrifying name.*
*We never thought that fame might lurk*
*Along that weary path called work,*
*But we thought we'd study hard and see*
*If that led to the road called "industry",*
*So we chose a road that was rough and dry*
*Which went by the name of "Varina High."*
*We scurried down that road, dubbed as "rats,"*
*Nibbling at Latin, Algebra and such as that.*
*Though that year was hard and mental racking*
*We learned that in knowledge we were lacking.*
*In '22 as Sophomores, we traveled the road again;*
*Without us what would the School of Varina have been?*
*When we were tired of English, French and Mathmatics,*
*We always found cheer in Athletics.*
*Juniors we were that year in September,*
*Not the meanest class, we were only peppy, remember.*
*While we trod the rough road obeying regulations and rules*
*Others took shorter paths or business schools.*
*Seniors we're ending with gladness and mirth,*
*Each feels himself now of some worth.*
*We may not have won a place in the Sun,*
*But each one knows his task is well done.*
*The man who never has to win his share*
*Of life's pleasures, burdens and cares*
*Never becomes a manly man*
*But lives and dies as life began;*
*But because we've taken this way*
*We hope to come to fame some day.*

—Isabelle Whitlock, *Class Poet.*

## Margaret Cousins

Margaret is the Historian of our class. She is the most dignified member of our class in action and appearance, but you never can tell about these dignified ones. I suppose you heard about "The Party," did you not? Well ever since then Margaret has been bringing "ham" really often for her lunch.

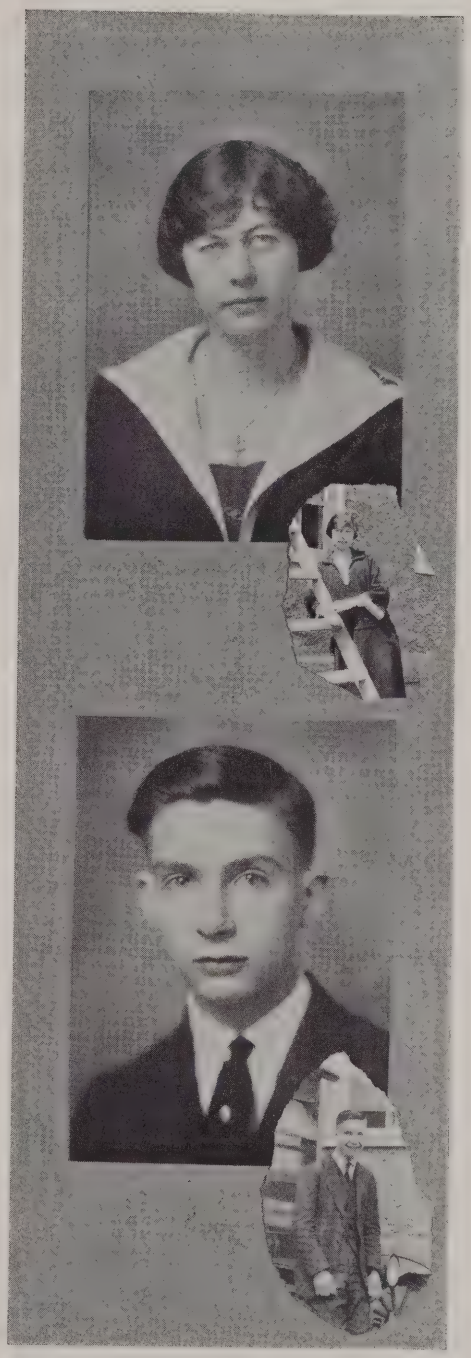
Margaret is very studious; she has taken Chemistry, Latin, Science and many others. Yet she never has taken Home Economics; that is strange, too, for all the rest of us girls have. She just doesn't seem to take an interest in cooking or sewing either; we see why Margaret is so precise.

Margaret surely loves to talk; she brings us all the news, especially about Rosylyn.

We could never do without Margaret as pianist, for she is the one upon whom we can rely.

She is always willing to lend a helping hand to any of us with our work, whatever it may be.

We understand she expects to take a business course next year and we feel sure she will become a very efficient stenographer.



## Frank Yahley

Frank Martin Yahley, better known as "Pet," especially by Thelma, is a very quiet boy who does not take much interest in Athletics. He entered our class from Glendale in our Junior year and he has gotten along nicely with all his work. He makes very good grades in Chemistry—he continually tries to break something in the laboratory, yet it seems that he never succeeds.

As stated above he is quiet; we think that he must find more truth than poetry in the following:

"A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he heard, the less he spoke,
The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?"

We do not know what his profession will be; it may be working on a farm or probably in a store of his own—at any rate we are confident that he will not be a bachelor, but that he will have some one to help him at all times. Frank, we wish for you greatest success in everything you undertake.

## James Childrey

James, better known as "Pruney," has been with us for a long while, having started to Varina in the first grade. At first he appears to be dignified but he is quite different, and after you know him a while he is just as jolly and friendly as you please. He studies when it is necessary, but there are many other things that he likes to do better. James has served as President of the Junior League and he has also served very efficiently as President of the Senior Class. He is always willing to try in any literary contest and is a good talker, especially when it comes to getting ads for our Annual. His interest in Athletics is shown by the fact that he is Manager of the Baseball Team and is also a good Basketball player. We feel sure that there is a place for him in the business world and hope that he may be very successful in whatever work he chooses.

## Rachel Mistr

Rachel, one of our most reliable girls, has a keen sense of humor, a great love for sports and a certain amount of studiousness, which help greatly in making her an all-round girl, one who takes part in all school activities.

Rachel has a great ability for playing basketball. She proved this by scoring the majority of points in the games and by being the manager of the team. She has an inexhaustible supply of energy and plenty of strength, for she played in every game this year. In one of our games, Rachel shot so many goals in the first half, she was offered fifty cents for every goal she shot in the second half.

Rachel is always carefree, hardly ever out of humor, and has a friendly greeting for all. We are sure that wherever she goes she will be successful and win her way through all difficulties by virtue of her exceptional ability to do things. Combining sincereness, sweet disposition and a good sport you have Ray.

## Will Beadles

The Valedictorian of the class of 1925—we need not say much more about Will. He is always ahead of time in his lessons, especially in Chemistry. While the rest of the class are working hard, in order to get their note books in on time, Will is calmly resting, his work having been handed in the day previous.

We often wonder why Will wears the class ring of "'24" rather than that of "'25." Here must be a good reason: we know if you want to see Will, just go to Martin's store, for this is where he spends most of his time. What would Will do without Lola and his Coupe?

We feel that he will be successful in the future, for he has gotten along so well in his school work, and to him we wish the very best of things in life.

## Margie Adams

Margie, who comes from the little burg of Charles City, joined us in our Freshman year, and she has proved herself to be one of the most quiet but best natured members of the class of '25. She never gets excited or angry, and she always has a smile for every one.

Although being studious she is always ready to have a good time and is willing to help others have a good time, if nothing interferes with certain nights.

If we understand correctly, Margie is particularly fond of Home Economics, in which she is very efficient. She has shown her skill along this line by winning several prizes at the county fair.

We think her plans are to make a housekeeper for some worthy man, and we truly hope she will have great success in finding the man of her dreams.

## Bernetta Wagner

Here comes Bernetta, the girl with laughing eyes and curly hair. She always wears a smile, is willing to help any one any time and is always ready to say a kind word to the downhearted.

At first sight one would think Bernetta is a very quiet lass, but, after you are with her a short time your opinion changes, because she is splendid company and as lively as any one could wish. She is a very good conversationalist; she likes to start a conversation any time, and especially during civics class.

We think she is wonderful, for when we become excited and unreasonable she speaks her little piece and calms the wild, wild bunch.

Bernetta is especially devoted to church and Sunday School work. Her greatest ambition is to be a missionary and go to China. We believe she will succeed as a missionary, because the experience gained in dealing with the heathens of our class will help her greatly when she gets in close contact with the unbelievers of China. One of the latest rules is that a missionary can not leave for a foreign land alone; probably this is the reason that Bernetta is so interested in men folks, especially that Smith boy.

Well, best of luck to you, Bernetta, is the wish of the class of '25.

## Forrest Hedrick

How in the world will we ever be able to part with our dear old pard, "Flee?" Through the four long years in which he has been with us, Forrest has shown himself to be a prince of good fellows and really the most sociable and loyal chap we ever came across. These traits coupled with his everlasting love for fun or harmless mischief and his good looks have given him a permanent place in all our hearts, especially the fair sex.

Forrest is a "bearcat" when it comes to playing basketball, and we presume that this is where he got the name "Flee," because he is one of the quickest and most accurate of forwards Varina ever had. His similarity in swiftness to the proverbial flea and his wonderful influence over the team of which he is captain have enabled our team to win many games and to "romp" all over the Community team, a feat in which many of our former school teams failed.

Yet Forrest's accomplishments do not stop merely at athletics for his keen judgment, loyalty to duty and a sense of honor which few possess have caused us to bestow upon him the position of Business Manager of our Annual. Forrest is an excellent public speaker and he was chosen as one of the debators to represent our school in the State contests. We feel sure that Forrest will just naturally be "darn good" in whatever he undertakes.

## Madeline Becker

Madeline, or "Beck," is one of our most attractive girls and Varina is proud of her. She is an excellent student, very studious, yet not a grind. About 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon one of "Beck's" friends will ask "What are you going to do Sunday?" Madeline gives a funny twist to her mouth, appears slightly fidgety and answers, "Oh, I've got a date." That starts the class to wondering whether its Tom, Dick or Harry. Beck is fond of driving different kinds of cars; she may know the difference between a Ford Sedan and a Durant, but we think she prefers riding in a Ford.

Madeline is one of the hustlers of Varina High School. Her motto is: never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.. Madeline plays a great part in upholding the athletic standards of Varina. She takes an important part in basketball and track. Madeline is accused of having a "pull" with the professor. No wonder she gets her demerits erased.

Madeline is leaving a place in Varina that will be hard to fill. We are glad to have known her and we know that she will be successful in whatever she attempts to do.

## Garland Osborne

Well, look what the cat brought in! This well-favored and handsome young man pictured herewith is none other than our friend and classmate, Garland. He joined us in our Junior year after having spent some time in John Marshall High School.

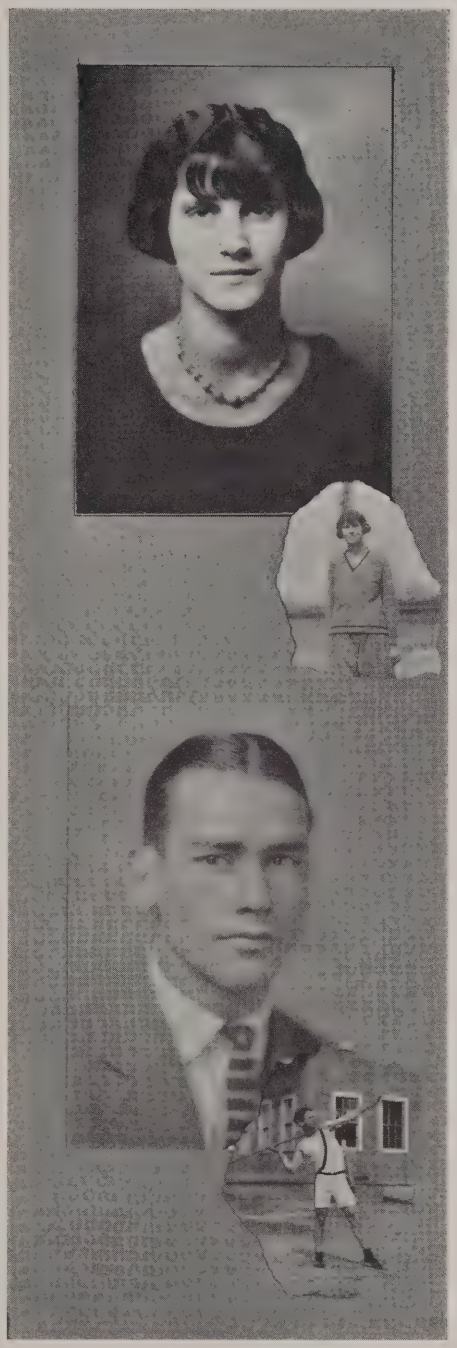
During his two years with us he has proved himself a real friend and a man. His pleasant smile has won him many friends, especially among the girls.

Garland is a hard worker along certain lines and he can be very studious when he wants to be, but he usually craves action, not study. When you hear some one scrape his feet through the hall or drag a chair across the floor you may look for Garland to pop in at the door. At times he is really speedy, after a fashion, for when the class bell rings you hear him yell, "Where's my book? Quick!"

We were actually surprised when Garland got up on the stage one day and hurled a genuine Patrick Henry speech at us, making for himself the name of Varina's best boy public speaker.

Garland is one of the best athletes who ever came to Varina. His splendidly developed body and quick mind have made him expert in any branch of athletics.

We feel sure that he will be very popular wherever he goes and we wish him good luck.



## John Nelson

John, better known as "Buck," has been struggling along with us all through high school. He is a person who is always craving something to eat, and we feel sure that his "future," who ever she may be, will ever be kept busy trying to satisfy his appetite.

John has never taken any active part in Athletics; we think he is one who is more interested in taking life easy. We know that John is capable of holding a position in almost any branch of athletics, but he pretends he can't. The biggest reason we have found for this is, that he takes advantage of the noon recess when the other boys are out, and gets in solid with the girls. John is a trifle noisy; the heavy thump of his feet on the steps, sounding as though a chair were falling down them, always announces his approach.

Taking into consideration all of John's characteristics, we find him to be a true friend; he has won for himself a warm place in the hearts of all his schoolmates and we feel sure that his winning ways and continuous smile will gain for him a prominent place in the world.

## Virginia Adams

Virginia, our perfect little lady, comes to us from Charles City. She has one fault, however, which we all know she can not easily overcome. Nearly every day she may be seen going to the mail box to mail a letter, and we know that the important letter is addressed, "V. P. I., Blacksburg.

Virginia can be really studious when she wants to; but she is like the rest of the class—not taken that way very often.

"Ginnie," has proved herself a true friend to all who know her. She is always ready to take advice concerning what she should or should not do, and she is also usually ready for a good time.

Virginia is not only interested in "V. P. I." and her class work, but gives much time and thought to Athletics. She has filled the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Athletic Association, played on the basketball team, and is also taking an active part in the track events.

Virginia's high school career has been one of which she will be justly proud in future years, when she has attained the success we expect of her.

## Thaddeus Morawski

Better known as "Rawski," came to our school from Glendale, as a Junior. In the time that he has been here he has proved himself a true friend and classmate, by always being the first to volunteer in any work or play for the advancement of the school.

Through his efforts along these lines he has the distinction of being our best orator, a valuable man in any line of athletics, the best all-round boy in school, and because of his literary ability, the honored position was given him as Editor - in - Chief of this annual. "Rawski" is very careful about the binding contracts he makes with certain young ladies in the Junior class.

We recommend Thaddeus as one of the most promising students Varina has ever turned out, and in whatever line of work he may specialize we wish him the Best-o-Luck.

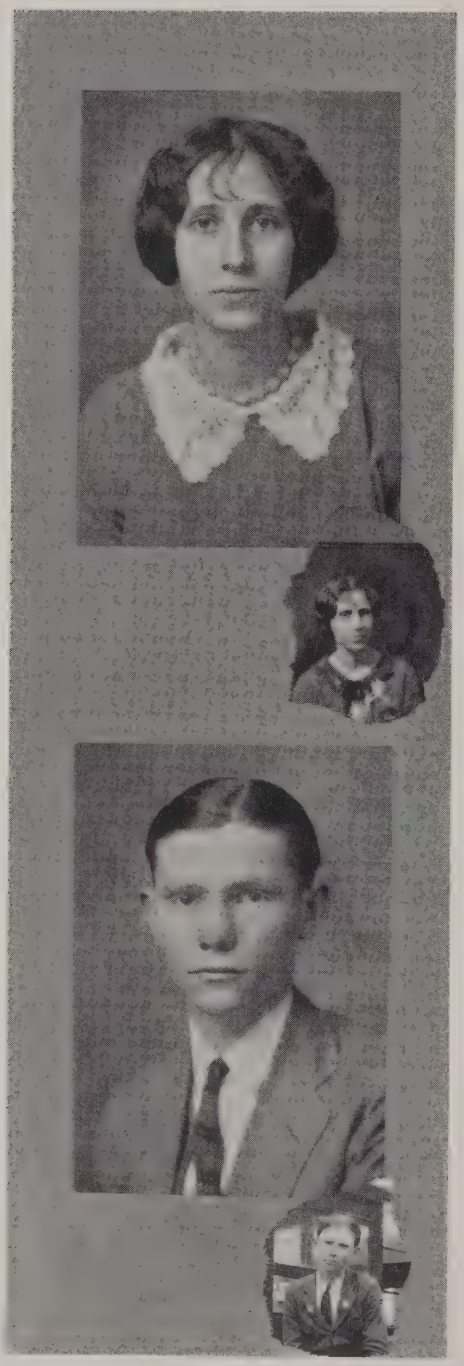
## Mary Garland Stoneman

When it comes to people who are good natured and have sweet dispositions, Mary Garland beats 'em all, and we do not wonder that she has the reputation of being the happiest member of the class. Who does not know of Mary Garland's cheerfulness and her ability of brightening up our darkest hours? She always has a pleasant smile and a kind word for every one.

Although she is not an athlete she more than takes the place of a player in every game, for you can hardly think of Mary Garland without thinking of her "Ford," as she is always willing to take her car and a crowd to the games.

May fortune always smile on you and may you ever be happy; you always remind us of:

"Chirps little Miss Laugh;
Why, I couldn't tell half
The fun I am having
  This bright summer day.
I sing through the hours
I cull pretty flowers,
And ride like a queen
  On the sweet smelling hay."



## Mamie Canfield

Mamie is very small in size, but her mental capacity must be very large as she is the Salutatorian of our class.

Mamie's kind and gentle ways have won for her many friends. We notice the small children love her dearly because she always finds time to play with them. Now we all know she is always ready to enjoy a good joke, and she is always willing to take an active part in anything that will produce fun.

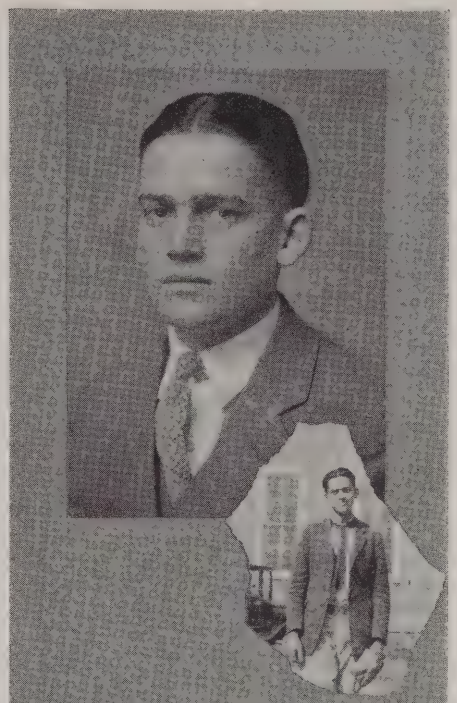
Mamie takes a great interest in Home Economics and we think in future life she will make some lucky man a lovely little wife.

Good luck, Mamie, in whatever you undertake, is our wish for you.

## Wills Fussell

Wills, better known among his friends as "Reddy," has been with us for a long time, having started to Varina in the Seventh Grade. Wills is going out for baseball and if he keeps on as he has started we expect him to make a great player.

Wills has proved himself a true friend and classmate, and has also shown his ability to sing. He is quiet and studious. His favorite study seems to be Agriculture, and we think he will settle down on a farm and live a life of contentment and peace. We predict success in whatever he takes up in life.



## Willis Throckmorton

We are glad Willis has successfully piloted himself through the long four years of hard work with us, and we know he will make good at whatever he undertakes to do.

In class he is a man of affairs, who looks on life as "Strictly Business." But in a crowd some say, "If foolishness measures the length of life, Willis will be the second Methuselah."

Our sincere wishes go with you, Willis, and we hope that whatever you undertake as your project, you will have great success.

## Albert Hare

Albert, or "Jack," the Sheik of Varina," came to us from Glendale.

While he belongs to the Hare family he is not of the wild kind, and he is not disturbed by the girls barking at him, as long as they do not bite.

I know the Varina Faculty is tired of looking at his face because he has not missed a day since he started in our school. "Jack" is a shining star in Chemistry and is very experienced in causing explosions. We feel sure some day "Jack" will be an expert chemist and make Varina proud of him.

## Rosylyn McCann

We, the Class of '25, are greatly indebted to Rosylyn for her splendid ideas and sweet disposition. She has proved a good friend and a true classmate during our many years together. Rosylyn takes an active part in the Athletic Association and Junior League, and she has also been chosen as our best "all-round sport." She is very fond of arguing, especially with Mr. Baker, concerning Chemistry grades.

Rosylyn has shown us the truth in the statement, "There is a time for work and a time for play," for although she is fond of all kinds of sports, she never leaves her work to play.

An old saying is: "Curosity kills a cat and satisfaction revives it." Rosylyn keeps the class dying with curiosity to know whose heart she has tantalized. We do wish she would tell us more of her love affairs.

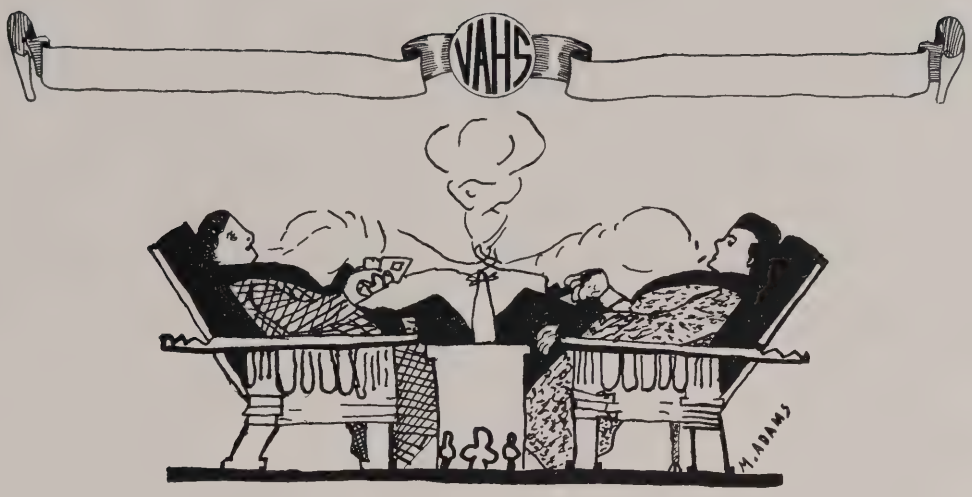
For Rosylyn, we wish success in whatever she undertakes.

## Isabelle Whitlock

Isabelle, who is more often called "Izzy," is one of Varina's jolliest girls. We all enjoy being in her company, for she is ever ready to tell some little joke or an interesting event which had recently occurred—most likely on Sunday evening, while out driving in the "Baby Overland." If you stay around "Izzy" for at least two minutes you won't miss hearing a portion of her favorite song, "Charlie My Boy."

"Izzy's" favorite accomplishments are: eating, talking, playing basketball and getting out of all the work she can. Isabelle is also an excellent actress and she has entertained the whole student body on different occasions. She certainly can "sling" a mean "lingo" when she impersonates a "darky."

You are all right, Isabelle; your good habits outweigh your bad ones, and to you we wish good luck, eternal happiness, and "Charlie My Boy."




# Senior Class History

UPON going to my room at a hotel in New York, after having traveled abroad, I found an invitation to a tea to be given by Miss Isabelle Whitlock, a famous actress. At first only the name was familiar, then the thought came to me that she was a classmate at V. H. S. With pleasure the invitation was accepted and anxiously I awaited the time. Days seemed months, yet finally the afternoon did come, and as I entered the room, much to my surprise, I found other schoolmates were also present. So it was a tea which gathered together the class of 1925.

At first the topic of conversation was New York, with its shows, styles and other things of interest, but before long we began to recall former days.

"Don't you remember when we were 'rats?" asked Virginia.

"Why certainly," I replied; "it seems as if it were only yesterday that the sun was shining clear and the gentle breezes tried their best to lessen the intense heat, as the twenty-eight young hearts, proud and happy, entered the doors of V. H. S. to complete the task set before them."

"My! Didn't the teachers have patience to drill us in the work?" This from Mary Stoneman.

"They certainly did! I shall never forget the soul warming smiles with which they welcomed us, and how they drilled us so we could beat the upper classmen in our first debate."

At this time Margie, from the other side of the room asked, "Who were the teachers?" "Mr. Baker, Mr. Rice, Miss McCraw, Miss Shelbourne, and Miss Stoneman," was the reply.

"I certainly would like to know why Alice Smith, Harold Cooper, Thomas Cooper, Wesley Burnett and Elijah Throckmorton, left our ranks?" asked Rachel. "They must have found other occupations they liked better; anyway outside of teasing I think we spent an uneventful term as Freshmen, and gladly we passed into our Sophomore year." We were glad to know that Rachel remembered all her former classmates.

John, now came in from the dining room, I think, for he had a piece of cake and a sandwich in his hands; "Weren't we something when we were Sophs. But then I don't suppose we were any sillier than any others, do you?"

"Didn't we have a favorite song that year?" asked Bernetta.

"I should say so! You remember the day Miss Sutphin, who had taken Miss Shelbourne's place, had us sing 'The Star Spangled Banner,' before those teasing Seniors, after having studied it about three days for English?"

"Mr. Baker certainly did like to blame us for everything that went wrong. You know he told us we had too much hot air."

"I certainly would like to know how Forrest happened to be called 'Flee.' Can anybody tell me?"

John, between bites of sandwich, answered, "I think it was because he was so small and you know he could always slip around so easily. You remember, of course, our famous Athletes started to work in our Sophomore year."

Again Rachel was thinking of her classmates. "We didn't lose a single member that year—yes I remember now, for Norman Finnegan dropped out, Hershel Carver moved away, and —."

"Mitchel Barlow thought he had better begin his work in the business world," came from John, who always liked to interrupt. "So with our class of twenty-one we finished our Sophomore year with few honors."

"We were grown up young people in our Junior year, weren't we?" said our hostess, who had left the other guests for a few minutes. "You know, we had three new teachers—Miss Stone, Miss Summers, and Mr. Anderson—only Mr. Baker and Miss Stoneman returned from the year before. Can't you hear Miss Summers now, telling us as we were the biggest babies she had ever seen, and can't you see Mr. Anderson, who was just so dignified, that our behavior shocked him?"

"There were a number of new pupils to enter that year," remembered Bernetta. "Mary Clark took up her work in another school; but two joined us from Montrose and eight from Glendale, making a total of thirty-two. Helen Reed and Helen Vest moved away, Oscar Pierce, Evelyn Whitlock, Edgar Frayser, Philip Hobson, Byron Hubbard, Harold

Jester and Effie Love, decided they liked other things better than school and left us."

"We surely did learn what work was that year," added Margie.

Work always interested John, so he added, "Yes we did for it was debates, speeches and programs all the time; and then those wonderful men of literature to think about."

Bernetta put thoughts of hard work out of our heads by saying, "As June rolled around there were twenty-three of us left, wondering what the next June would find us doing; and wasn't our last school vacation the shortest of all?"

"Probably it was to some," said Margie, "but I was anxious to come back a dignified Senior, weren't you?"

"That year," put in Rachel, "found few changes on our roll; Frances Vanderoff, for some reason did not return; Kate Dorton left us after a few months, and Laura Guy went to business school after the first term to finish her work there, aren't these all?"

"How about our faculty?" asked Bernetta.

This time John spoke, "Mrs. Dorey was added and Mr. Abernathy took Mr. Anderson's place; otherwise it was the same. But we had one surprise from the faculty, the marriage of Miss Stoneman. It was a surprise, but you know she talked rather queer one day in Civics class. We were glad she was so happy, to us she always seemed that way."

"Talking about debates and speeches in the Junior year, we certainly had them in our fourth year," recalled Virginia, who had been too busy listening to talk much.

"Yes," I answered, "but I think we all were benefited by it, for we had boys and girls to represent us in debates, public speeches and orations, in different contests. Just think of honors won by members of the Athletic teams!"

"Girls," our hostess interrupted, "come now tea is ready."

"Now the days have passed that were the happiest for each one of us, and we are now embarking on life's busy sea. May these last voyages be as full of happiness, brightness and good service as the last years at the V. H. S.," rambled on Bernetta.

"Let's finish our talk in the dining room," said John, who was becoming impatient, "You haven't seen the things I have, or you would have stopped talking long ago—we may eat now and not receive demerits."

—Margaret Cousins, *Historian.*

# Senior Class Prophecy

WHILE visiting New York on a sight-seeing trip, I was wandering down one of the streets when I came upon a tent. On reading the sign-board I found that it was the home of an Egyptian fortune teller. I had always wanted to know what the future had in store for my friends and me, so I decided to go in and find out what had become of my classmates of 1925.

On entering I am seated in front of a revolving globe which discloses interesting panoramas of happenings in various parts of the world as it revolves. At first the scenes are hardly distinguishable, but they soon become clear. I see a beautiful country club with the golf links nearby. A group of young people are standing together, and as they turn to move away, Virginia Adams appears. She seems to be the center of attraction, even as she had been in the days of old when she went to school. I remember that soon after leaving school Virginia had inherited a fortune and had begun to travel extensively with the idea in mind to "see America first." She seems content to remain a favorite of society.

My thoughts are still of Virginia, our attractive classmate, when I realize that the scene has changed. Virginia is no longer visible. Instead, there is an attractive cottage with all modern conveniences, seen in the distance amidst a grove of oaks. There I see Margie Adams, no longer a "Miss," going about her work, singing and smiling.

As the scene changes from time to time I see in a meeting of Congress, Madelyn Becker as Virginia's first lady Senator, offering wonderful suggestions concerning the work of the state and nation.

In the governor's office Margaret is happily performing her duties as the Governor's secretary.

Rachel Mistr is seen in the gymnasium of Princeton University, going about her work with happiness. She is one of the most famous of athletic coaches of the day.

A sign-board above a large theater is drawing the attention of thousands of people as it gives the picture of the world's greatest actress, who is none other than our beloved classmate, Isabelle Whitlock.

At a distance stands a large hospital around which a crowd of people are standing. As the crowd departs the door opens—and whom do I see there? Why, its Willis Throckmorton, the world's famous surgeon! He

has just completed an operation on the Governor of Texas. And who is this wonderful nurse of Dr. Throckmorton who goes softly from room to room in the hospital and relieves the agony of many suffering patients with her expert care? Well, well, 'tis our old classmate, Mary Garland, who has become head nurse for the Doctor.

Mamie Canfield is winning the hearts of many happy little children as she stands before a large class of primary pupils, giving them a firm foundation for future education and life.

Lo and Behold! An American lady, who is none other than Roslyn McCann, is giving a spirited address in the House of Parliament. She has taken the place of Lady Astor.

The globe continues to revolve slowly and brings in sight a magnificent farmstead, which consists mainly of a large dairy. A strong, stately man walks about giving orders to his workmen. It is John Nelson, who has become one of the wealthiest dairymen in the state.

From the pulpit of a large cathedral Garland Osborne is seen; he is a successful and beloved minister of a large congregation.

On the front page of the *New York Times,* of which Thaddeus is editor, I see the photograph of Albert Hare. From the staring headlines of the article, I gather that Albert has become the world's famous chemist, as he aspired to be.

Frank Yahley is seen stepping into a beautiful Cadillac which is standing in front of his place of business, a leading automobile establishment. No doubt Frank is in a hurry to see his dear little wife and kiddies, for he leaves a few orders in the manager's hands and "steps on the gas."

A train has just pulled into the station. Out steps six feet two of real man and his wise-looking little wife. The happy couple are Will Beadles, who has become a great merchant, and his wife, Lola. They have just returned from an extensive pleasure trip in Canada. Their honeymoon, I presume.

At the feet of a great singer a large crowd of people sit spellbound by the wonderful voice. It is our old classmate Wills Fussell.

In a meeting of the Presidents of all the agricultural colleges of the nation, Forrest Hedrick is giving a striking speech of the work carried on at Cornell University, of which he is the president.

Through the doors of the Supreme Court, James Childrey is seen pleading an important case. He is a widely known and celebrated lawyer.

Slowly the scene disappeared and I could see nothing but the globe. I then left the tent and went back to the street, satisfied that I had gained the information I wished.

—Bernetta Wagner, *Class Prophet.*

# Class Criticism

THE bells rang for the 7th period, the study period just before English. Miss Summers came in and said, "Every one get out your English book and study. I want to have a good lesson this afternoon for—." At that moment some one knocked at the door and there was admitted—a stranger who had come to visit the school. He walked about the room for a while, then took a seat at the front in a corner, from which position he had a view of the entire room.

The first impression made, he afterwards said, was that of the twenty pupils, all of different types, different personalities and above all with different and very vague ideas and thoughts passing through their minds.

Picture to yourself these twenty pupils all in one room with the same teacher, with perhaps the same kind of English book before them, but their minds all working in a different direction and on a different line.

While Virginia and Rachel were sitting together pretending to study out of the same book their minds eye was most probably picturing the same Technical Institution in the foot hills of Virginia, yet not of the same little cadet. Why don't they think of their own school and let the others alone?

Will Beadles was glancing down at his hand on the desk, his eye finally resting on the ring which rates him a year ahead of time—a 1924, instead of 1925 ring. His thoughts didn't stop there, for the expression upon his face told that he was thinking of the owner. Now all this time he should have been studying his English.

When the stranger glanced at a little light, curly haired girl by whose description we recognized Bernetta Wagner, he wanted to know why she rolled her eyes around at the girls so much, was she practising before she attempted to roll them at the other sex?

He said when he looked at Thaddeus, he had a cross-word puzzle slipping it from under his book and was writing out a word about a foot long. It is certainly lucky that Thaddeus is long winded else he would never be able to manage some of the large words in his vocabulary.

John Nelson was keeping an eye on the stranger while Margaret Cousins was scolding him for going into her lunch and eating half her pie and cake. He was wise enough to leave her half of it. Margaret must carry a very attractive lunch or box, I don't know which, for she often finds notes which a certain Sophomore leaves in there for her, or some peanut hulls. The box attracts too much attention. This all takes up time which should have been put upon other duties.

James Childrey and Garland Osborne, impressed the stranger as being "sheiks," for James had a girl's blue scarf and Garland a red one, which belonged to—well, you can guess the rest. They were thinking of these, I mean the owners, rather than the English lesson, as usual, although the stranger was quietly eyeing them.

Industriousness describes Margie Adams, but studiousness is a side-track from which she slides sometimes, and this was one of those times. A party was being planned for that night and the seventh period was an excellent time for her to think of it and decide what she should wear.

Forrest Hedrick was sitting there alone, manfully thinking why it was that people were always so anxious to be the first one to meet a stranger in the neighborhood or at school. He finally settled it by recalling his last fair acquaintance.

While the various thoughts were passing through the many minds, Albert Hare was pondering over a chemistry problem; finally he, with the help of Frank Yahley, worked it out smoothly. I believe Jack was thinking about being able to be the first to answer when Mr. Baker called for the answer in class, rather than for the desire to get the problem, for he likes to be first. Jack put up the problem while Frank sat back. Frank should not have been so easy with him.

At this time the stranger walked over to Miss Summers' desk and started talking to her.

It certainly was lucky for Willis Throckmorton that the stranger did move, for he couldn't see him so well when he turned around to talk to Izzy Whitlock and Madeline Becker; he often does this, you know. He was just telling them for about the thirteenth time that he liked the fifth period better than any of the others. They thought that not at all unusual, when they found that Elizabeth Perkins sits behind him during that period. Madeline replied that she liked the school all right, but it was much more pleasant to borrow a certain Ford Sedan and go to Richmond during school

hours. Isabelle was listening to all that, while chewing her gum. She thought she would put in a word too so she said, "Humph! Just give me a Baby Overland or Charlie's Desert Snorter and I would never dream of school."

Margie stepped out and rang the bell for the last period to begin and Wills Fussell said out loud, "Gee, I wish this was the bell to go home." Mary Garland Stoneman, the mischief maker of the class, cried out, "Constance can wait another period before she gets the seat on the truck you are going to save for her."

Miss Summers arose and walked to one side of the room when the last bell rang. She called the class to order and said, "We have with us today Mr. Anderson, who would like to talk to you about ordering your class rings. I don't think any of you know your lesson any way, unless Mamie does, for she was the only one who kept quiet last period. So we will take the same lesson for tomorrow." They all clapped, even Mamie did, for she had not been studying—she had been cutting out some PAPER DOLLS. You can be quiet while doing that, you know.

So now, dear friends, you can see why all these Seniors have such intelligent faces.

—Rosylyn McCann, *Class Critic.*

# JUNIORS

*Junior Class*

# Junior Class

*Class Motto:* Non-Labor, Non-Palma

*Class Colors:* Purple and Gold *Class Flower:* Tea Roses

## OFFICERS

*President*.....Constance Foxall

*Vice-President*.....Julia Wagner

*Secretary and Treasurer*.....Gertrude Drinker

## CLASS ROLL

Herbert Baughan
Gertrude Drinker
Mary Hamilton
Eugene McAnally
Thelma Perkins
Margaret Throckmorton
Robert Sigmund
Hobson Reynolds
Eula Davis
Constance Foxall
Josiah Fussell
Alene Hobson
Ruth Sadowsky
Raymond McCann
Julia Wagner
Elizabeth Yahley

# Junior Class History

IN September, 1922, twenty-one boys and girls were enrolled in the Freshman class at Varina. Of course we were called "rats" and we were teased by the upper classmen, but little did we mind this, because we were determined to do good work and we were glad to furnish fun for the others.

We organized our class, having tea roses for our class flower, "Non-Labor, Non-Palma" for our motto, and gold and blue for our colors.

During the term we lost three of our members, Terrill Jenkins, Raymond Beasley, and Lyston Day, and when June came we closed our very successful Freshman year with eighteen members on our roll.

All of us spent a pleasant summer, returning to Varina in September, 1923, as Sophomores.

Three of our classmates failed to return that year—Atlee McCue, Josephine Logan, and Edward Holst; however, we were glad to have two new members with us—Constance Foxall and Elizabeth Yahley. Later on Mary Hamilton joined our ranks.

Two of our members, Walker Peers and Raymond McCann, played on the basketball team, helping Varina win many games.

Again June rolled around and after three months of vacation which everyone enjoyed, we returned to school—this year as Juniors.

Six of our members failed to return this year, Eleanor Frayser, Fanny Barnett, Dorothy Dew, Walker Peers, Edward Guy, Jr., and Paul Schultz; again we had some new members, from Glendale—Thelma Perkins, Alene Hobson, and Beatrice Durrett. Beatrice, however, did not remain with us very long.

We again have two members on the basketball team this year, Raymond McCann and Josiah Fussell.

We are striving to make Varina a better school and bring honors to her, and although we are small in number we are trying to do good work.

—GERTRUDE DRINKER, *Historian.*

# SOPHOMORES

# Sophomore Class

CLASS ROLL

Lucile Bowis
Helen Drinker
Lelia Fussell
Emmett Holder
Ruth Fussell
Wilma Fuqua
Stanley Fussell
Margaret Gill
Cecil Hare
Grace Lovejoy
Elinor Whitlock
Carrie Yarbrough
Ellen Rathien
Margaret Redwood
Stanley Morawski
Florence Osborne
Elizabeth Perkins
Grace Waring
Barbara Shaw

# Sophomore Class History

ON the beautiful morning of September 11, 1923, we, a class of twenty-five, entered High School to work hard, with Miss Summers as our guide.

Before many weeks had passed five of our "fellow rats" decided that the work was too hard and left us. Toward the close of our first year, five more of our members were left behind to join the following class.

The joyous three months of vacation rolled by quickly. School started again, we being Sophomores. After every one was greeted, we noticed with regret the absence of one of our classmates, Margaret Dew, who had moved to Richmond. But to take her place, and also to enlarge our class, we received five girls from Glendale, and Grace Waring, Raymond Twynham, Stanley Morawski and Barbara Shaw from other schools; Miss Stoneman, now Mrs. Oliver, being our advisor.

This year we have worked hard, fortunate not to lose but one member, Raymond Twynham, one of our best workers, who decided to leave us and go to work.

Next year we all hope to be Juniors, and to accomplish our goal we must "Jog On."

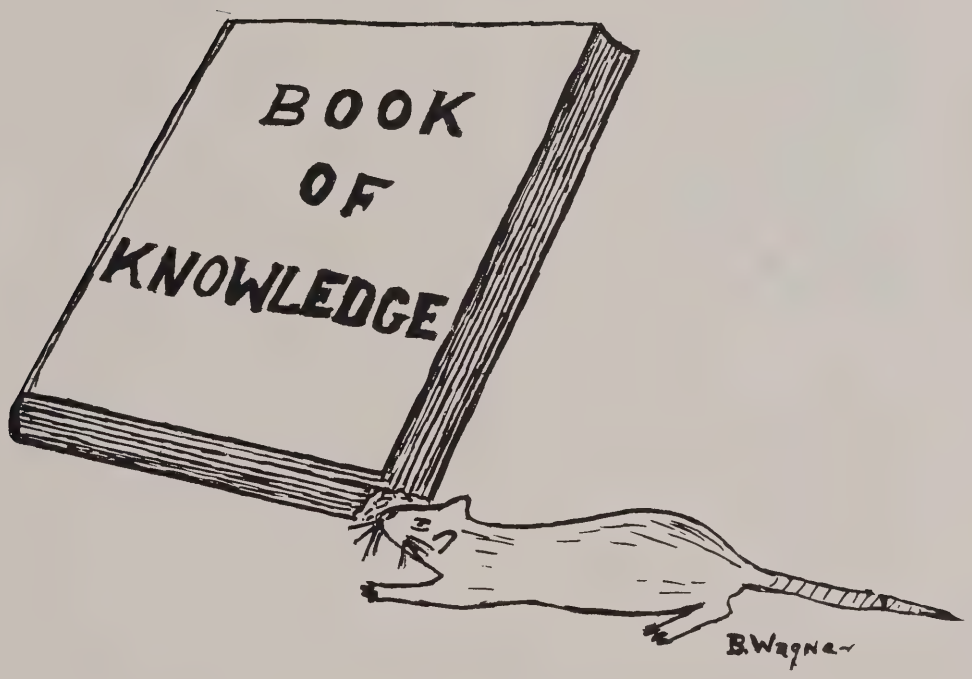
—MARGARET REDWOOD, *Historian.*

# Herbert Bottoms

Class '28

In memory of our friend and fellow classmate
who was born January 12, 1909,
and died March 3, 1925.

# FRESHMEN



# Freshman Class

CLASS ROLL

Annie Canfield
Otis Becker
Madelyn Canfield
John Fussell
Mabel Davis
Wilmer Hedrick
Ruth Hare
Carl Hickam
Phyllis Hildebrand
Claude Henderson
Nettie Hobson
Arthur Hines
Elizabeth Johnson
Dudley Hubbard
Ella Murphy
Virginia Nelson
Emmett Lipford
Louise Sadowsky
Ernest Lipford
Jennie Stoneman
William Lammey
John Mistr
Christine Sweeny
Robert Nelson
Ester Syer
Fred Woods
Joseph Williams
Grace Wagner
Helen Wagner
Cleo Yeary
Irene Campbell

# Freshman Class History

ON a bright September morn in 1924, we, the Freshmen of '24 and '25, began our High School career. We were thirty-three in number, and all were happy to think of our really being in High School.

It took some time to become used to high school studies as the subjects seemed very strange; nevertheless, we did not give up hope, and before long we found that we were acquainted with our studies, classmates and teachers. Although we found high school more difficult than we had expected, we did our best and with the aid of our much beloved teachers, Miss Summers, Miss Stone, Mrs. Oliver, and Mrs. Dorey, we enjoyed our work and got along very nicely.

Before we had hardly become acquainted, Lillian Zahn, one of our brightest classmates, left us to go to West Point. Later in the session Herbert Bottoms left us. We missed them both very much.

The Freshman class has some promising athletes as is shown by the record made this year by some of the members.

However, we must keep quiet and keep on studying for we are "Rats" and should not leap too high at first, but we look forward to the happy month of June in 1928.

—Helen Wagner, *Historian.*

*Seventh and Sixth Grades*

# Seventh and Sixth Grades

*Teachers*

Mrs. W. F. Bernheisel and Mrs. V. Nelson

CLASS ROLL

Mary Gordon
Elwood Alexander
Helen Redford
Thomas Barlow
Clarice Redford
Carl Beasley
Imogene Morgan
John Boltz
Helen Yahley
Franklin Childrey
Annie Tepper
Edward Cousins
Florence Woods
Beverly Crouch
Caroline Wills
Warren Davis
Catherine Whitlock
Allan Dotson
Alice Throckmorton
John Dovola
Thelma Shurm
Rolland Dowdy
Clara Mistr
Willard Frayser
Geneva Hildebrand
Hayden Garnett
Emma Henderson
Aman Grubb
Willimette Fussell
Mann Harrison
Virginia Coover
Aubrey Hedrick
Nellie Bowsher
Percy Moore
Edward Saxby
Winfred Moore
Floyd Nuttall
George Boltz
Irene Amory
Earl Crouch
Mary Boon
George Cullingsworth
Bernice Bowis
Forrest Daniels
Myrtle Belknap
James Daniels
Ethel Canfield
Fred Hall
Nettie Campbell
Renwick Hall
Virginia Eberly
Joseph Hall
Lucile Frayser
Archie Henderson
Helen Garnett
Earnest Moore
Marie Goodman
Edwin Moore
Nellie Hamilton
Leslie Nuttall
Eleanor Hubbard
Sinclair Redford
Hassie Orick
Edward Smith
Gladys Oliver
Joseph Sigmund
Marie Oliver
Philip Stoneman
Ruth Purks
Francis Twynham
Miriam Underwood
Hugh West
Glyndor Warriner
Roscoe Yeary
Effie Yeary
John Zahn

*Fifth and Fourth Grades*

# Fifth and Fourth Grades

*Teachers*

Miss Ethel Hedrick and Mrs. Ada Wilson

CLASS ROLL

Raymond Belknap
Lucille Allen
Leslie Creery
Mildred Amory
Linwood Cotman
Louise Boltz
Willard Frayser
Mary Blackburn
Anson Greely
Thelma Bottoms
James Lanham
Catherine Canfield
Granville McCabe
Violet Eye
Carl Sigmund
Ethel Eye
Herbert Wash
Vera Hansen
Steve Wallow
Rozella Hedrick
Rolland Hagans
Miriam Hubbard
Jane Ellen Moore
Virginia Nuttall
Katherine Peers
Marjorie Slaughter
Anne Stoneman
Lula Throckmorton
Dorothy Wagner
Edna Wagner
Rosa Warriner
Hilda Whitlock
Katherine Grubbs
Mildred Redford
James Allen
Jerome Becker
Wallace Bowis
Nora Clatterbuck
Adelaide Bowles
George Creery
Dorothy Becker
John Canfield
Doris Becker
Billy Dotson
Addie Drinker
Clayson Grubbs
Catherine McCann
Winston Garnett
Lacy Murphy
Carroll Hanvey
Eunice Peeler
Waverly Hall
Andrew Jenkins
Marguerite Redford
George Madison
Marion Malco
Cunow Rohrick
Cecil Ross
Belle Stoneman
Grover Shurm
Elmer Stone
Randolph Tuck
Wilson Wagner
Annie Southward
Clara Wagner
Charles Wagner
Alice Woods
Arthur Warriner

*Third and Second Grades*

# Third and Second Grades

*Teachers*

Miss Susie M. Barrett and Miss Lydia B. Kovac

CLASS ROLL

David Boltz
Claude Campbell
Elbee Campbell
Wilson Childrey
Thomas Covington
George Davis
Happy Eberly
Wellington Enroughty
William Ferguson
Raymond Garland
Baynham Garrett
Nelson Griggs
Bernard Henderson
Clifford Jenkins
Morriss Keeley
George Oliver
Joe Pollard
Richard Potts
George Stoneman, Jr.
Joseph Sullivan
Paul Sweeney
Kendall Savage
Bernard Throckmorton
Barton Scrivener
James Scrivener
James Savage
Bernice Belknap
Virginia Bottoms
Margaret Enroughty
Edith Frayser
Edith Hanvey
Grace Hanvey
Margaret Jenkins
Isabelle Madison
Margaret Moore
Grace Moores
Emma McCabe
Mildred Osborne
Grace Orick
Goldie Ross
Martha Wagner
India Clatterbuck
Hillman Bowsher
James Gwaltney
Vincent Hubbard
John Halliday
Stanley Hula
Otis Knight
Thomas Moore
David Pearce
Edward Sigmund
O'Neil Shaw
John Lee Yahley
Wesley Hatfield
Annie Brockwell
Elizabeth Crittenden
Mabel Campbell
Grace Creery
Lillian Dean
Evelyn Grubbs
Gladys Henderson
Rosa Wagner
Elaine Wills

*First Grade*

# First Grade

*Teachers*

Miss Louise Cook and Miss Ruby Vermillera

CLASS ROLL

Raleigh Bullock
Bernard Childrey
Joseph Earnest
Earl Hanvy
Thomas Hildebrand
Raymond Jones
Elmo Messer
Wilson Nelson
Clifton Purks, Jr.
Randolph Reams
Morgan Saxby
Carter Warriner, Jr.
St. Clair Warriner
James Oliver
Orville Hansen
Matilda Allen
Mary F. Charlton
Dorothy Davis
Avnelle Frick
Dorothy Ferfuson

Elizabeth Hill
Marie McCann
Helen Pollard
Marguerite Purks
Elizabeth Stoneman
Doris Saunders
Louise Shoemaker
Gladys Throckmorton
Margaret Covington
Frank Archer
Arthur Canfield
William Crittenden
James Dean
Robert Grubbs
Robert Hickam
Donald Hamilton
Adolph Hula
George Moore
Dana Orick

Elton Peeler
Wilson Sweeney
Leura Throckmorton
John Wallow
Willie Parish
Forrest Clatterbuck
Asa Lee Reed
Grace Belknap
Nancy Boone
Virginia Blackburn
Phillis Enroughty
Louise Gwathney
Valesta Hula
Georgia Jackson
Mary Jenkins
Adelaide Madison
Helen Stone
Carrie Yeary
Lillian Throckmorton
Elizabeth Clatterbuck

# Home Economics

HOME Economics is one of the oldest, best known and most inclusive professions the world has ever known. Because it is a labor of love it has failed to receive the recognition awarded other professions from State and National bodies.

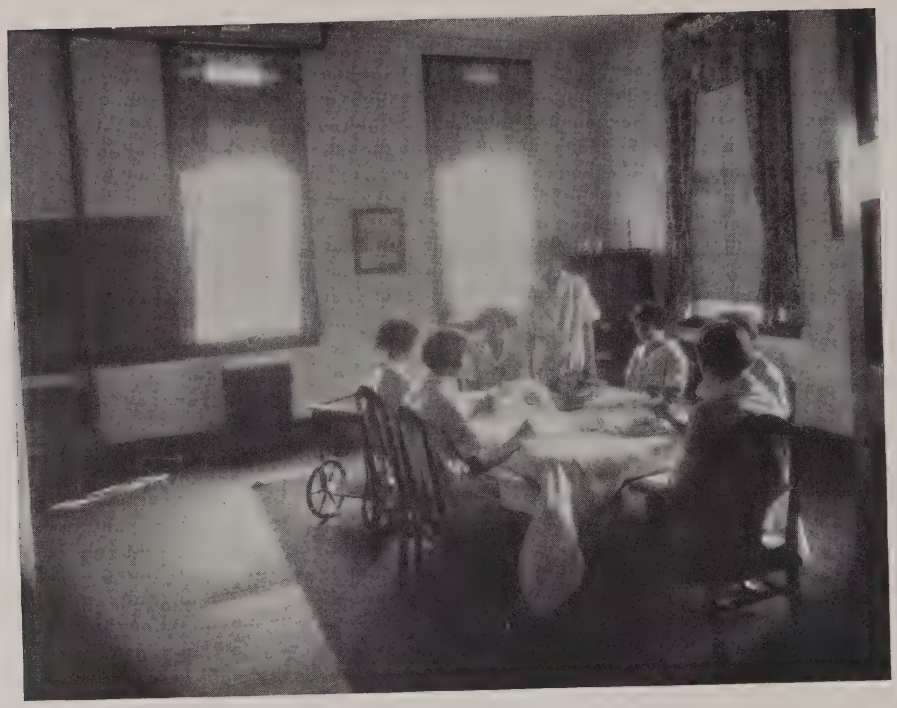
Home Economics has been looked upon as a duty rather than a profession. Its importance has begun to be realized in the last few years. Hence the rapid development in providing training along these lines.

The department at Varina High School was organized in 1919-20 with inadequate room and equipment. The growth has been marked and with the addition last year of another room and more equipment the department has been able to render an even greater service toward training the girls along the lines of home management, food principles and preparation, clothing, costume design and home nursing.

The principals taught in these subjects tend to develop in the girl an appreciation of the duties of the home maker and of the dignity of all work in the home; to show the relation of the home maker to industries outside the home; to teach the responsibilities of the home maker to her community, and, finally, to teach the girl, as an individual, to appreciate and to meet her responsibilities to herself and to her community.

The Cafeteria, which was started this year by the Community League with the co-operation of the School Board, is under the direction and management of the Home Economics Instructor and girls. This gives the girls training in the preparation and serving of food on a rather large scale. By doing this the girls gain valuable training and the children have the privilege of enjoying hot lunches.

# HOME ECONOMICS



# Home Economics

Miss Elsie Stone.....*Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

Margie Adams
Virginia Adams
Madeline Becker
Mamie Canfield
Rosylyn McCann
Isabelle Whitlock

# Home Economics

Miss Elsie Stone.....*Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

Eula Davis
Gertrude Drinker
Laura Guy
Mary Hamilton
Rachel Mistr
Ruth Sadowsky
Mary Garland Stoneman
Margaret Throckmorton
Julia Wagner
Elizabeth Yahley

# Agriculture

REALIZING the need of training farm boys along agricultural lines, the Department of Agriculture was established at Varina six years ago. The addition of this department was made possible largely by the liberal contributions of the loyal and progressive Varina citizens. Due to the passing of the Smith-Hughes Act in 1907 the expenses of operating the department are paid largely by the Federal and State funds—the county, at present, paying only one-third.

This department is making agriculture more efficient by offering courses in Plant Production, Horticulture and Rural Engineering, Animal Husbandry, Farm Management and Shop Work. Instruction in these courses is given in the class room, and laboratory; in addition to these, field trips are taken so that the students may study farm problems under existing conditions. The home project, a vital part of each year's work, is carried out by each individual student; this enables the boy, with the help of the instructor, to put into practice the information gained in the class room.

Service by the department has been rendered to the community by selecting and testing seed corn, pruning demonstrations, identifying and giving control measures for plant and animal diseases, recommending most efficient and economical rations for live stock and fertilizers for plants, testing soil for acidity with recommendations for its correctness, and testing milk.

If additional equipment and room are secured the department will be able to render an even greater service and thus become a more vital factor in the community.

The primary object of the department is to reach and train the farm boy for his future vocation, thus making him a more successful farmer and of more value to the community in which he lives. But do not forget that the department stands ready to help each farmer with his problems—call on us if we can be of any service.

M. ADAMS

# Agriculture

C. C. Abernathy.....*Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

Herbert Baughan
James Childrey
Wills Fussell
Forrest Hedrick
Eugene McAnally
Raymond McCann
Thaddeus Morawski
John Nelson
Garland Osborne
Willis Throckmorton

# Agriculture

C. C. Abernathy.....*Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

John Fussell
Stanley Fussell
Arthur Hines
Claude Henderson
Emmett Holder
Fred Woods
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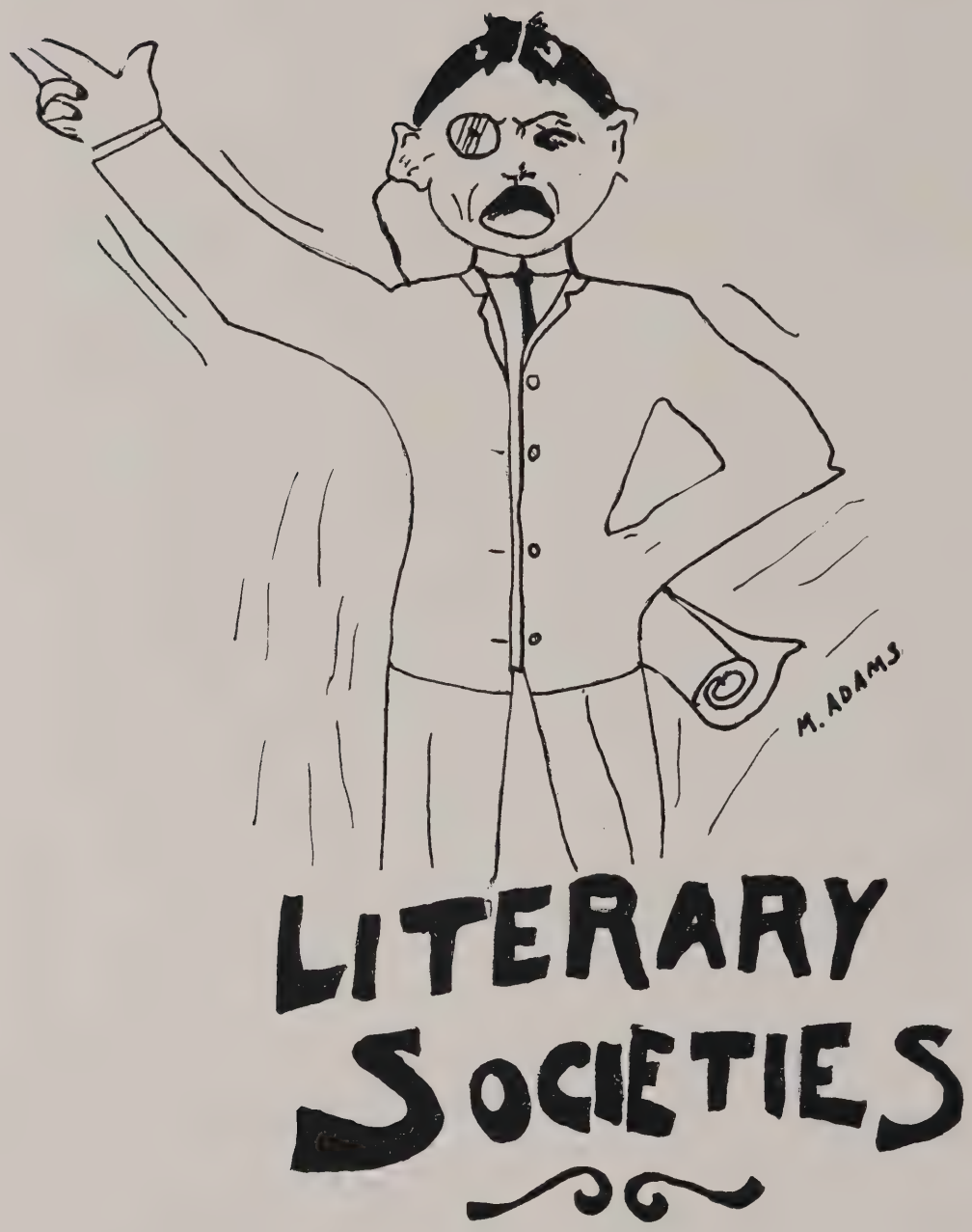
John Stoneman
John Mistr
Stanley Morawski
Cleo Yeary


M. ADAMS
LITERARY
SOCIETIES

*Debators*

Gertrude Drinker  Forrest Hedrick

*Public Speakers*

Garland Osborne  Rosylyn McCann

*Orator*

Thaddeus Morawski

*Readers*

Constance Foxall  Herbert Baughan

*Junior League*

# Junior League Notes

OUR Junior League, which plays such an important part in all our high school activities, was reorganized at the beginning of this school year. We presume you are familiar with the workings and purpose of the Junior League, but to those who are unfamiliar with its functions and duties we give a brief explanation.

When the League is organized, it automatically comprises the entire high school student body. The following officers are elected every three months: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Pianist, and Censor. Meetings of the League are held twice each month. Business concerning the welfare of the school and student body is discussed and then a program is rendered by some of the classes.

The Athletic Association, which is an important part of the Junior League, embraces those students or members of the faculty who have paid their annual fee, which is two dollars. This association also has semi-monthly meetings, at which business dealing with the athletic welfare of the school is brought up, and a program is given by members.

At the beginning of the session a contest was arranged to increase interest among the classes by means of competition. This system seems to be very successful, as each class tries to surpass the effort of the class before in giving a program.

We sent two delegates to Williamsburg to represent our League in the State Convention. Another convention was held in Richmond, Thanksgiving Day, for the Junior Leagues of the State. At these conventions we found that our League ranked high among other similar organizations in the State.

The League has been very active in its literary work. Debating, public speaking, oratorical, reading and spelling contests were held. The debating team consists of Gertrude Drinker and Forrest Hedrick. These debators made a creditable showing in a practice contest with Atlee, an account of which is given elsewhere in this book, under the head of Social Events. Our public speakers are Rosylyn McCann and Garland Osborne; the readers are Constance Foxall and Herbert Baughan; our orator is Thaddeus Morawski; spellers are Madeline Becker and Will Beadles. These spellers represented our school last year in contests and we are very proud to have them represent us again. We are confident of their ability to make a good showing.

This brief sketch of our work shows that the Varina Junior League is not standing still, but is progressing rapidly.

*Athletic Association*

SPORTS
B. Wagner

Virginia Nelson
*Sponsor Basketball*

Miss Louise Cooke
*Sponsor Track*

Virginia Adams
*Sponsor Baseball*

Miss Elsie Stone
*Sponsor Staff*

# Girl's Basketball Team

OFFICERS

Miss Elsie Stone ..... *Coach*
Laura Guy ..... *Captain*
Rachel Mistr ..... *Manager*

TEAM

Rachel Mistr ..... Forward
Florence Osborne ..... Forward
Rosylyn McCann ..... Center
Isabelle Whitlock ..... Center
Madeline Becker ..... Guard
Laura Guy ..... Guard

SUBSTITUTES

Virginia Adams  Carrie Yarbrough

# Summary Girl's Basket Ball

THE call for members of the girl's basketball team was unanswered for two years, but at the beginning of 1924-'25 a number came out for the first practice. All the candidates except Captain Guy and Manager R. Mistr, were unexperienced. Around these two veterans a fast and aggressive team soon developed. To the stellar guardian of Laura Guy, ably assisted by M. Becker, the accurate shooting of R. Mistr and F. Osborne, together with the excellent fioor work of Centers R. McCann and I. Whitlock, may be attributed the success of the team. The team of 1924-'25 has made a record of which all interested in athletics are justly proud. The places left vacant by Captain Guy, Mistr, McCann, Becker, and Whitlock, our seniors, will be hard to fill. This should be a challenge to make the future teams even more successful.

# Basket Ball Team

OFFICERS

F. Hedrick ..... *Captain*
R. McCann ..... *Manager*
C. C. Abernathy ..... *Coach*

LETTER MEN

Forrest Hedrick ..... Forward
Josiah Fussell ..... Forward
Willis Throckmorton ..... Forward
James Childrey ..... Center
Garland Osborne ..... Guard
Raymond McCann ..... Guard

# Summary Boy's Basket Ball

PROSPECTS for a winning team seemed unusually dark when the coach called for basketball men at the beginning of the 1924 season, for only Hedrick and McCann, of the team of '23, returned to school. In the opening games J. Fussell, Osborne, and Childrey, last year's substitutes, soon proved themselves capable of filling the gaps left by 1924 graduates. The value of Captain Hedrick to the team is shown by his score of one hundred and fifty-four points during the season. Manager McCann, at all times displayed excellent floor work and accounted for many goals, while Childrey, Fussell, and Osborne could always be depended upon with good team work and general play.

Throckmorton, S. Fussell, Hubbard and others developed rapidly, playing good ball when substituted. Prospects for the 1925 season are bright, but hard work will be required to surpass this year's team.

Comparison of games and points scored:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Varina | 35 | Toano | 1 |
| Varina | 37 | Manchester | 12 |
| Varina | 16 | Atlee | 22 |
| Varina | 18 | Toano | 9 |
| Varina | 14 | Manchester | 24 |
| Varina | 23 | Highland Springs | 25 |
| Varina | 42 | Atlee | 14 |
| Varina | 12 | Highland Springs | 23 |
| Varina | 10 | Dinwiddie | 23 |
| Total | 207 | Total | 163 |

# Basketball Games

VARINA started the 1924-'25 season with a rush, defeating Toano on our court with a score of 35 to 1. Both teams were new and it was evident that much practice would be needed to develop a well rounded team.

The next game was played against Manchester High School. We won with a score of 37 to 12. In this game the team showed much improvement, featured by good shooting of all, especially Hedrick.

On November 6th, Varina played Atlee on the Atlee court. This game proved to be a thriller throughout. Varina held the long end of the score at the close of the first half; Hedrick and McCann starred for Varina. But Atlee came back strong, finally winning, 22-16.

On the afternoon of the 11th of November, the hardest fought and fastest game of the season was played on the home court with Highland Springs. The game was close throughout. Featured by good passing and difficult shots by both teams. In this game McCann, Osborne, and Childrey played a good defensive, while Hedrick and Fussell kept the opponent's defensive guessing. By a lucky shot Highland Springs won in the last few seconds of playing—winning 25-23.

When we met Manchester High School for a second game on their court, they showed a complete reversal of form, uncorking puzzling passing and shooting, defeating the locals with a score of 24-14. The absence of Captain Hedrick handicapped the work of the team.

The game against Toano on their home court was by no means a walkover. They presented a much improved team. Both teams guarded closely as the score shows. The strong offensive of McCann, Throckmorton, and Childrey, enabled us to win with a score of 18-9.

In the second game with Highland Springs our team seemed unable to get together. Consequently we were forced to take the short end of the 23-10 score. The opponents guarded closely at all times, forcing our men to make unsuccessful shots.

On January 20th we met Atlee on our home floor. The first half was close, with Varina slightly in the lead. Early in the second half our offensive ran up a score which Atlee was unable to overcome. The close guarding of Osborne at the Stationary position; the shooting of the other members and the flashy passing proved the undoing of our opponents to the tune of 42-14.

The last game of the season was played with Dinwiddie in Petersburg. Osborne, our stationary guard, was missing in the line-up. Our team was unable to get together and stop the offensive of our opponents, who soon gained a safe lead. Both teams played hard, but we were unable to break through their strong defense. When the final whistle blew the score stood 23-10 in favor of Dinwiddie.

During the entire season, in every game, our team fought with the "Never say die" spirit, and our opponents were always true sportsmen. Altogether we think the 1924-'25 basketball season a success and we heartily wish greater success to future teams.

# Track Squad

OFFICERS

*Coach* ..... C. C. Abernathy
*Captain* ..... Osborne
*Manager* ..... McCann

SQUAD

Childrey
McCann
S. Fussell
J. Fussell
Osborne
Morawski
Hedrick
Hickam
Reynolds

# Track Notes

WHEN the basketball season was officially announced over, the attention of our sturdy band of athletes was drawn to track and field stunts. But many of the succeeding days were anything but fair, so enthusiasm waned among the majority. However, a few got out as soon as the weather cleared and began to train. Baseball claimed a few of these, and it looked as if we were not going to have a track team. Such thoughts were uppermost in the minds of the squad, and as they passed through the school hall they began to take notice of a bulletin on the board which gave details of the County Meet. This notice served to inspire several to join our ranks, and we finally got together a bunch of runners.

But, owing to work, baseball or something, only one or two men trained. The whole squad suddenly received a jolt on Tuesday just after the Easter holiday, when the coach called us together to run off preliminaries before the county meet. All of us had known that the meet was to come off, but we didn't think it was so soon. It was Tuesday, April 14th, only two days before the county contests. When the men got through that day they all felt and acted like a squad of concrete motorcycles. Every man swore he would not be able to run Friday. We felt that Varina was on the verge of defeat. The next two days the gang was drilled hard, but the muscles still squeaked and screamed.

Friday came. We all went down to the basement to get rubbed down. At this time one of our members gravely suggested that if Varina made any showing that day, the bunch should receive gold medals or D. S. C.'s, or something significant of what they had been through.

Well, the meet started in good time. The first thing was the 100-yard dash, and when one of our men came first and another third, why, we forgot all about pain and linament. As Varina started, so she went all the way through the meet, making good in every event, either with a first and second or a second and third place. When the final count was made, Varina was found leading with a score greater than the sum of her two nearest opponents.

In literary events, Varina was exceedingly successful, winning in everything—debating, public speaking, reading and poem. The only thing in which we failed to score highest was the short story, which was won by Westhampton. Of all the ribbons given in the County Contests, Varina won one-half.

The week following the County Meet, we went to school filled with anticipations of a trip to Blacksburg to participate in a State-wide Athletic and Judging Meet. The coach had promised that if we made good in the county meet, we would go to Blacksburg, so we were sadly disappointed when we were informed that because of

lack of funds only four men would be able to make the trip. Those making the trip were Forrest Hedrick, John Nelson, and Raymond McCann, who entered the judging contest. These three, with Carl Hickam, made up the track team.

When we consider the fact that thirty agricultural high schools participated in the events, we may truly say that our men did good. Forrest took first place and won a gold medal in dairy cattle judging; Raymond McCann won second in the mile run and received a silver medal. John Nelson and Carl Hickam also did well. Our relay team came fourth. In the end Varina's score was 6, and we placed eleventh. So next year if Varina takes up a complete team and each man does as well as he did this year, and we don't get the cup—well, somebody will be sorely disappointed. It would be well to say here that if this little McCann fellow trains a little more and keeps on with track work as he has started, he'll make the athletic world sit up and take notice.

Summary of points won by high schools participating in the County Meet:

| School | *High School Boys* | *High School Girls* | *Grammar Grade Boys* | *Grammar Grade Girls* | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Varina | 38 | 28.5 | 28 | 18 | 112.5 |
| Westhampton | 13 | 23 1/3 | 12 | 10 | 58 1/3 |
| Highland Springs | 19 | 18 1/6 | 6 | 7 | 50 1/6 |

## BADGE CONTESTS

Athletics are getting to be an important item in school life, as is shown by the number of students in both high school and grades who made efforts to win medals. The requisites for winning a bronze medal were to pass three standard tests, such as running the 100-yard dash in a given time, running other dashes, throwing the javelin, chinning the pole, broad jump, or other events. To get a silver medal the student must come up to five of these standards and seven for a gold medal. Of course, there are different standards for the grade pupils.

Two gold medals were won by high school students and ten by grade students. Two gold medals were won by high school students and ten by grade students. In the whole school twenty-one silver medals and fifteen bronze medals were won. Many of the students surpassed the standards which just shows that we have some good athletes at Varina.

T. L. M.

# Baseball Squad

OFFICERS

*Captain* ..... Forrest Hedrick
*Manager* ..... James Childrey
*Coach* ..... C. C. Abernathy

SQUAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lipford | W. Hedrick | Garnett |
| Nuttall | S. Fussell | Throckmorton |
| McAnally | J. Fussell | Mistr |
| Hines | Hickam | Osborne |
| Henderson | Morawski | W. Fussell |
| Reynolds | F. Hedrick | Yeary |
| Hare | Childrey | McCann |

# Class Statistics

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|---|---|
| *Most popular boy* | Forrest |
| *Most popular girl* | Mary G. |
| *Best all-round sport* | Izzy |
| *Prettiest* | Virginia |
| *Laziest* | Frank |
| *Cutest* | Bernetta |
| *Most dependable* | Thaddeus |
| *Most school spirited* | Madeline |
| *Most studious* | Mamie |
| *Best girl athlete* | Rachel |
| *Best boy athlete* | Garland |
| *Best natured liar* | James |
| *Best natured* | Margaret |
| *Ladies man* | Willis |
| *Brainiest* | Will |
| *Most quiet* | Margie |
| *Most dignified* | Wills |
| *Jolliest* | Rosylyn |
| *Sheik* | Jack |

# Class Meeting

PRESIDENT calls meeting to order.

MR. BAKER—"We have to decide about the speakers."

MISS SUMMERS—"James, is that noise in the other room?"

JAMES—"Yes'm."

MR. B.—"School closes June 12."

IZZY—"No'm the noise is down stairs."

OSBORNE busy picking the mandolin.

MR. B.—"When are you going to have the class sermon? It'll have to be on Sunday night."

RACHEL—"No, Sir. I know down in Disputanta they have it on week day nights."

MR. B.—"Suppose we have class night on Tuesday night."

VIRGINIA and RACHEL—"N-o-o-o-o."

MR. B.—"Does that upset your plans, Virginia?"

VIRGINIA—"Not at all."

THADDEUS—"Why are Rachel and Virginia blushing so?"

VIRGINIA and RACHEL—"We are not blushing."

MISS S.—"Sh-h-h-h. I gave you all this time for a class meeting. So hurry."

MR. B.—"Who shall we have to speak?"

FLEE—"I nominate Dr. Mitchell."

MR. B.—"All in favor say 'Aye.' "

WHOLE CLASS—"Aye."

MR. B.—"I'll tell you who is a mighty good speaker, but I've forgotten his name."

JOHN—"I nominate President Coolidge."

MR. B.—"Who is the other man?"

JOHN—"Try the man whose name you can't remember."

MR. B.—"Who do you want to preach?"

BERNETTA—"I nominate Dr. Cousins."

MR. B.—"Is he any kin to Margaret?"

WILLIS—"If he is, we don't want him."

OSBORNE—Still picking mandolin.

MARGIE—"Oh! It's time for the bell."

Thus the meeting abruptly ended.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

# Social Events

### The Jazz Boys and the Magical Brauer

"That Quartette," the Jazz Boys from Richmond, gave an entertainment November 19, for the benefit of the Athletic Association. Magical Brauer was with them and gave some of his tricks which made one's hair stand up. Any one who missed this, certainly missed a good entertainment.

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### Band Minstrel

The Band gave a minstrel show on November 21, which we are sure every one enjoyed. The preparations were kept secret, and when the curtain went up we were all surprised to see that half of the men were dressed as women. Mr. Butler was especially good in his red bandana dress. Buck Garrett was stuck with a pin and then sang, "It Ain't Gonna Pain No Mo'." The different characters were introduced as different people in the Community. Clever jokes were told on some of the people of the neighborhood, which everyone enjoyed.

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### Black Cat Minstrels

On January 23, the Black Cat Minstrel was given for the benefit of the Junior League. From the name one might think that all of the performers were black but really only five were. It was at this minstrel that Johnnie Hall was named the "Sheik of Varina." Although the crowd was small, the program seemed to be enjoyed by every one present.

### *"The Tom Thumb Wedding"*

"The Tom Thumb Wedding" was given by the Primary Grades of Varina High School on February 26, at the regular meeting of the Community League. A large crowd was present.

Just before the ceremony Clara Mistr and Emma McCabe sang "Loves Old Sweet Song." Clara Mistr sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Martha Wagner sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Caroline Wills on violin.

The characters taking part in the wedding were:

Herald: Elmo Messer.

Guests: Carrie Yeary, Earl Hanvey, Grace Belknap, Richard Potts, Helen Pollard, Morris Kelly, Mildred Osbourne, Gladys Henderson, Robert Hickam, Howard Eberly, Edith Frayser.
Ushers: Wilson Nelson, Carter Warriner, Randolph Reams, Vincent Hubbard, Wilson Sweeney, Thomas Moore.
Flower Girls: Elizabeth Hill, Elizabeth Stoneman, Nancy Boone and Marie McCann.
Brides Maids: Elaine Wills, Dorothy Davis, Margaret Purks, Dorothy Ferguson, Louise Gwaltney.
Minister: Joe Pollard, Jr.
Ring Bearer: Gene Reams.
Maid of Honor: Margarete Moore.
Best Man: John Lee Yahley.
Train Bearers: Gladys Throckmorton, Clifton Purks.
Mother: Isabelle Madison.
Father: Hillman Diele Bowsher.
Groom: Orville Hansen.
Bride: Mary Frances Charlton.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white and carried an arm bouquet of lilies of the valley. Her veil was caught with orange blossoms. The outburst of enthusiasm that greeted the little ones in the attire of their elders is scarcely imaginable—really the wedding was greatly enjoyed.

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## Silver Tea

On March 11, there was a meeting of the Home Demonstration Club, after which the Junior Class gave a Silver Tea, which was served in the Home Economics dining room.

The Junior Class had a GREAT time all day making delicious sandwiches, candy and all sorts of good things.

There was a good attendance and everybody greatly enjoyed the occasion.

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## Contest With Atlee High School

The debating team from Atlee High School came to Varina March 13th to debate on the state subject: Resolved, That the State of Virginia amend its constitution so as to enable it to issue fifteen million dollars in

bonds to rebuild the State institutions of higher learning to meet the demands of the twentieth century.

Atlee upheld the affirmative with Maude Bowles and Rudolph Mundi. Varina upheld the negative with Gertrude Drinker and Forrest Hedrick. There was to be a public speaking and reading contest with Atlee the same evening, but the Atlee representatives failed to appear. However, our public speakers, Rosylyn McCann and Garland Osborne, and our reader, Constance Foxall, rendered their selections and parts with credit.

Professor Handy, from the University of Richmond, gave a splendid criticism of the program. Atlee wanted to have judges, so Professor Handy and two others acted that part.

The judges decided in favor of the affirmative, but the critics stated that there was little difference between the arguments presented by both teams.

Refreshments were sold by the Senior Class.

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## Band Supper

On March 20th, the Band was one year old and therefore celebrated its birthday with a supper in the Fair Building. Judging from the crowd, everybody in the community must have been there.

Mrs. Geo. Drinker, chairman of the committee, was appointed to see about arranging the supper, and with the help of others in the community the supper was a great success.

On the center table was a large white cake, with "Varina Band" written on it in pink. In the center of this cake stood one large pink candle. The Band played during the supper, after which an orchestra from Richmond played for the young people to dance. This part of the program was particularly enjoyed by all.

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## Senior Social

Tuesday, March 31st, the Seniors gave a Social for the benefit of the Annual. The Samis Grotto Bug Band played for entertainment. There was a fortune teller who made some thrilling predictions for the future. One of the Home Economics girls made a cake and we had a "cakewalk." Refreshments were sold from booths decorated with crepe paper and about sixty dollars was cleared.

# Faculty Notes

THE wedding of Miss Evelyn Victoria Meredith, of Gloucester, and Reginald Heber Nelson, Jr., of Richmond, took place Wednesday afternoon, November 26, at 3:30 o'clock, at "Woodside," Gloucester County, with the Rev. F. W. England, of Charlottesville, officiating.

The Wedding March was played by Mrs. J. B. Gray, sister of the bride, and just before the bridal party entered, Mrs. F. W. England sang "At Dawning." The house was artistically decorated with Southern smilax, palms, yellow chrysanthemums and cathedral candles. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an ensemble suit of dark blue cloth and bengaline silk and a hat to match. Her flowers were a corsage bouquet of Bride's roses. The matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Camillus F. Eason, of Hickory, Va. She wore a gown of black chiffon velvet with gold trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of yellow rosebuds and lilies of the valley. The bridegroom had as his best man John A. Meredith, a brother of the bride, and the master of ceremonies was J. B. Gray.

The bride is the daughter of W. L. Meredith and a granddaughter of the late Miles Cary Meredith, who served in Company A, Twenty-sixth Virginia Regiment. Mr. Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nelson, Sr., of Richmond, and a grandson of the late Reginald Heber Nelson, who served in Captain John Lamb's Company of Charles City Cavalry. After a motor trip South, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are residing near Richmond.

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The historic home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stoneman, "Varina-on-the-James," was the scene Tuesday, December 23, at noon, of a quiet wedding, when Mr. and Mrs. Stoneman's daughter, Miss Marian Purvis Stoneman, was married to George Lyles Oliver, of Henrico County. The ceremony, which took place in the drawing room before an improvised altar of evergreens, was performed by Rev. John Scott, of Richmond.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, had as her only attendant her sister, Miss Elizabeth Stoneman, as maid of honor. William L. Oliver, of Norfolk, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride, who was attired in an ensemble suit of brown Bolivia cloth, trimmed with fur, and with accessories to correspond, wore a corsage of Ophelia roses. The maid of honor wore a gown of smoke blue satin crepe and carried a bouquet of Columbia roses.

Immediately after the ceremony, luncheon was served to the bridal party, which included only members of the two families and a few friends. Later Mr. and Mrs. Oliver left for a Northern trip. They are living at the home of the bridegroom in this community.

# Alumni Notes

VARINA shall always remember her Alumni with pride and she feels that they are proud of their Alma Mater and will always remember that "Spot So Dear to Their Childhood." This is one purpose of the publication of the VARINIAN, to enthuse and instill the memories of Old Varina in the minds and hearts of those who look upon Varina as their Alma Mater.

To give a sketch of what profession or part in life they are taking, we shall begin with the class of 1917, the year Varina became an Accredited High School.

Only one from this class is at present teaching; this is Miss Ethel Beavers. Those entering business or taking up a profession, are: Misses Ruth Fortna, Marion Garnett, Salena Beasley and Virginia Nelson.

Misses Margaret Haycox (now Mrs. Conway), Elsie Fiese (Mrs. Williams), Evelyn Rennie (Mrs. Stone), and Elizabeth Miller (Mrs. Aigner) entered the bonds of matrimony. Mr. Conway is also teaching at Manchester District High School.

The class of 1918 had only three members—Mr. John Jester, who has launched on a business career, was recently married and is living in Richmond; Miss Esther (Dorey Mrs. Beazley), and Miss Lavelon Dupuy (Mrs. Norman I. Johnson), who are married.

The class of 1919 also had only three members, all three of these were girls. Miss Davis is teaching in Southwest Virginia, while Miss Lillian Redwood (Mrs. Davenport), and Miss Emma Wade (Mrs. Benjamin Harrison) are married and still in our community.

Class of 1920 were eight strong with only two boys. Miss Ethel Hedrick, Secretary-Treasurer of Alumni Association; Miss Dorothy Vanderolf and Miss Naomi Kirby are teaching and doing splendid work. Ethel is still with us, teaching the Fifth Grade. She can't leave old Varina. Misses Marie Fortna and Jeanette Kirby are successful business women. Sanford Alexander says, "There is no place like home," and is staying there at present, while Harry Haycox and Miss Inus Hickam heard the sweet toll of the wedding bells. Inus is now Mrs. Dave Fletcher.

The classes gradually increased in number. The Class of 1921 had nine members. Miss Elizabeth Stoneman is at school taking training in Social Service. Miss Byrd Nelson and Miss Catherine Dew have become successful teachers. Byrd is teaching Home Economics in Richmond. Benjamin Harrison and Franklin Bernheisel are progressing in the Business World. Two of this class decided that home was the best place after all—Alfred Mistr and Miss Gertrude Barlow.

One of the most interesting events of this class and in the history of Varina, is that of the marriage of Miss Jessie Kesler, of this class, and Randolph R. Harrison, President of Alumni Association, also of this class. They recently built a nice little home near the school and are getting on very nicely.

The Class of 1922 carried away the lucky number, thirteen. This class possessed three intelligent teachers—Miss Aline Timberlake, who is teaching Home Economics; Miss Helen Rood, who is teaching at Central, and Miss Blanche Henderson, who is in Goochland County. Harry Barlow, Robert Mann, Channing Glen and Miss May Patterson are very active in the business world. Miss Mary Martin (Mrs. Taylor), Miss Estelle Fussel (Mrs. Snell), and Miss Ellen Strath (Mrs. G. Banks), are married. They could not be separated from each other and even now you will see the three little homes close together in the vicinity of Central. Miss Marion Lanham (Mrs. Britton), Lacy Hedrick and Russell Hill are also married. Marion and Russell are still in our community and Lacy is a business man of Richmond.

Eight of the fifteen from the Class of 1923 are engaged in business. These are: Miss Gladys Fisher, William Lanham, Miss Ruby Patterson, Charles Jefferson, Randolph P. Harrison, Richard Fussell, Miss Catherine Bernheisel, and Miss Lorraine Johnson. Three turned to teaching: Misses Nettie Eberly, Cecile McCollister and Sallie Brackett. Nettie is at Glendale; Cecile is at Sandstone. All are doing fine work. Misses Hattie Childrey and Olive Hall are studying hard at school, Hattie at Harrisonburg and Olive at Fredericksburg. The two twins, Alvin and Edwin Mistr, could not be separated, so their mother kept them at home.

The Class of 1924 ranked nineteen in number. Five of them are at present at college. William Atkisson, Charles Whitlock, two inseparable friends, and Miss Doris Rathein are at William and Mary. Clarence Crouch is at the University of Virginia, and Berkley Fussell is at the V. P. I. in Blacksburg. Miss Isabella Hall is studying at Richmond Busi-

ness School, to become a business woman. Miss Marie Baughman is studying and teaching music.

Seven from the class are taking part in business affairs: Benjamin Hubbard, Miss Thelma Goodman, Miss Esther Hines, Miss Ruth Murphy, Miss Gertrude Throckmorton, Orville Frick and Miss Elma Fussell, all working in Richmond. There were some from this class who stayed at home, they are: Misses Lola Martin, Ruby Durrett, Gladys Davis, Rosa Barnett and Mabel Drinker, Vice-President of Alumni Association.

"Some fly east and some fly west, but their minds on Varina shall always rest."

—Rosylyn McCann.

# Class Calendar

SEPTEMBER 11—School started.
12—Happiness—no books.
15—Ordered class rings.
18—Athletic Association organized.
19—Junior League organized.
23—Senior Class organized.

OCTOBER 1—Rings came.
8—First chemistry explosion.
10—Holiday for State Fair.
15—Seniors open barber shop.
23—County Fair.
25—Mr. Baker falls up steps.
27—First Basketball game, with community team.

NOVEMBER 5—Mr. Baker has hysterics in chemistry.
19—Jazz Boys entertain for benefit of Athletic Association.
20—Invitations ordered.
26—Miss Meredith "skips."

DECEMBER 10—Big explosion in chemistry.
21—Doris and Berkely visit us.
23—Miss Stoneman "skips."

DEC. 24-JAN. 5—Christmas Holiday.

JANUARY 5—Back to HARD work.
16—Seniors have faces washed by Miss Summers.
29-31—Exams.

FEBRUARY 1—Great relief. Exams over.
15—Rosylyn washes hands in sulfuric acid.
19—Pictures taken for Annual.
20—Guy leaves us.

MARCH 1—Rosa visits us.
5—Distinguished visitors, Senator Bender and wife, of Ohio.
10—Soph. forgets lunch; Mr. Baker gives her an apple.
13—Debate with Atlee.
16—The Hon. Crouch visits us.
31—Senior Social—great success.

APRIL 13—We learn that Miss Stone is engaged. Mr. Abernathy mourns.
30—Flee tears his pants.

MAY 3—Flee and Thaddeus go "nutts" over the Annual.
4—Annual goes to press.
12—Thaddeus Morawski receives first prize on his chemical essay in the State Contest. A great honor to our school.

# Class Roll

Virginia Adams, our class beauty,
Thinks watching the mail box is her duty.

Margie Adams, the class' great chum,
Never forgets to use her tongue.

Madeline Becker, while running a race,
Stops to count the freckles on her face.

Will Beadles, tall and slim,
We do not know how much Lola thinks of him.

Mamie Canfield, just a little slip of a thing,
But as to knowledge, wise as Solomon the King.

Margaret Cousins, busy as a hive of bees,
Carrying neighborhood news to all she sees.

James Childrey, at the front,
For a Sophomore, always on the hunt.

Wills Fussell, always spick and span,
Is not so much of a joking man.

Forrest Hedrick, better known as "Flee,"
Always busy as a bee.

Albert Hare, the "Sheik" of Varina,
Always out, trying to find her.

Rachel Mistr, our biggest flirt,
The way to win her, is to be alert.

Rosylyn McCann, just full of pep,
For a hot, strong argument she's got some rep.

Thaddeus Morawski, the orator of the class,
Willing to help you to the last.

John Nelson, hard to defeat,
Always looking for something to eat.

Garland Osborne, our Public Speaker,
With a single thought, "How can I meet her?"

Mary G. Stoneman, with big blue eyes and little pug nose;
Charms Varina, for she's as sweet as a rose.

Bernetta Wagner, sunny as the morn,
Greatest giggler ever born.

Isabelle Whitlock, the poet of the class
Thinks play comes first and lessons last.

Frank Yahley, wishes he was a rock on a hill,
Doing nothing there but just sitting still.

—Willis Throckmorton.

JOKES
M. ADAMS

# Wit and Humor

"A dance, a data
Perchance out lata
A classa, a quizza
No passa, gee whizza!"

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MISS STONE, in Chapel—"We will now have a quartette sung by Mr. Baker."

MRS. OLIVER—"You can't sleep in class."
GARLAND—"I know it. I've been trying to for half an hour."

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Early to bed,
Early to rise;
And your girl goes out
With other guys.

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FLEE—"That girl is just like an airplane."
GARLAND—"Howzat?"
FLEE—"No good on earth."

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JOHN STONEMAN—"How long will I have to wait for a shave?"
BARBER—"Years, sonny, years."

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JUNIOR—"Did you knock 'em cold in the Latin quiz?"
RAT—"Yes, zero."

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Egotism is the anasethetic nature given us to deaden the pain of being a fool.

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MR. ABERNATHY (in agriculture)—"Forrest put your feet down so I can see your face."
Forrest complies with request.
MR. ABERNATHY—"All right, that's enough, put them back up again."

Miss Summers—"Say in Shakesperean English, 'Here comes a bowlegged man.' "
James—"Behold! Ah! What is this I see approaching me in parentheses?"

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Every failure teaches a man something, if he will learn.

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Senior—"Can't see my blooming hand before my face."
Soph—"Great Scott! Whazzamatter?"
Senior—" 'Tisn't there, you fool."

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Flee—"I never saw such dreamy eyes."
She—"You never stayed so late before."

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Elizabeth—"Say something soft and sweet to me, dearest."
Willis—"Custard pie."

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Editors use "we" instead of "I" because maybe the readers will think there are too many men for them to lick.

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Waiter (in restaurant)—"Here is your steak, sir."
Flee—"Steak? Oh, I thought that was a crack in the plate."

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At a basketball game, Miss Stone and "Abbbie" rested on the stage, so deeply engaged in conversation, they did not notice the exciting game that was in progress. The first half ended with the score 4 to 5 in favor of Elkhardt. Miss Stone looked up and exclaimed, "Oh, has either side scored?"
"Abbie"—"I don't think they have."

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Mr. Baker—"Why are you tardy?"
Garland—"Class began before I got here."

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Mrs. Oliver (severely)—"Do you sell diseased meat here?"
Butcher (blandly)—"Worse than that."
Mrs. Oliver (excitedly)—"Heavens! How can that be possible?"
Butcher (confidentially)—"The meat I sell is dead; absolutely dead."

In civics class there was talk of the "Third Party."
One of the seniors wanted to know if he could bring his girl to it.

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Miss Summers—"John, give me a sentence using notwithstanding."
John Mistr—"My father wore out the seat of his pants, but not with standing."

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Garland's hobby in chemistry is atoms. However, we don't mean the atoms of elements, but the Adams of Roxbury.

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Don't think people judge your generosity by the amount of advice you give away.

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Mary G.—"Have you ever seen a mosquito weep?"
Ray—"No, but I've seen a moth bawl."

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"My rubbers leak."
"Oh, never mind that—you have pumps inside of them."

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Will—"Gosh, you're dumb! Why don't you get an encyclopedia?"
Wilma—"The pedals hurt my feet.

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Those men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and beautifully succeed.

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"Where is the car?" demanded Mrs. Harrison.
"Dear me!" ejaculated Mr. Baker. "Did I take the car out?"
"You certainly did. You drove it to town."
"How odd! I remember now that after I got out I turned around to thank the gentleman who gave me the lift and wondered where he had gone."

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An Essay on Bull as written by one of the Seniors:
Bull is what the Spanish toreadors kill and we all sling. It is the husband of the cow. It is the first name of 100 smokes for 15 cents. It is a four-legged wild domestic animal that is always on the other side of the fence. It is what made Samuel Johnson famous. It is what is making me infamous.

## A REAL TRANSACTION

CONSTANCE to THADDEUS—"When can you copy my Chemistry Essay for me?"
THADDEUS—"I'm not making binding contracts with any lady at present."
However, since this, Constance says *everything* has been arranged for.

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A rather near-sighted old lady came into Yahley's store the other day to buy some meat. Frank was busy with another customer so the old lady turned to a small boy standing nearby and asked as she pointed over the counter at what she thought was meat, "Is that the head cheese over there, son?"
"No, mum. That's his son."

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WILLS—"Those are nice looking suitcases you have there."
WILLIS—"Those aren't suitcases, they're my shoes."

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ROSYLYN (reading sign over ticket office)—"Oh, Claude, it says, 'Entire Balcony 35c.' Let's get it so we'll be all alone."

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At a moving picture show a lady pictured on the edge of a stream appears about to fall into the water. Mr. Baker, growing excited, cries out, "Look out there! Don't let 'er fall."

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MARTHA LEE—"John, I said you could kiss me only once."
DEACON—G--b-ut darling y-y-you know h-how I-I-I-I s-s-st-tutter."

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Golf playing friend to Miss Summers: "What was the best drive you ever had?"
"The drive with Pete Stoneman one night."

# Prize Essay

Written by THADDEUS MORAWSKI,

Who Won First Prize in the State on This Essay

# The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture and Forestry

SINCE the advent of man from the savage state, agriculture has been an important factor in human life. The human race ever since then has been directly dependent upon products derived from forest and field. Agriculture was, and still is, the basal art, the fundamental science and the essential factor in all life. It is the most ancient and honored of all vocations, rich in possibilities during the past, and even more so at the present, when the help of Nature's greatest scientists, the chemist, has been incorporated. Therefore, it is obvious that that interest should be manifested by all when the Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture and Forestry is mentioned.

This is an age of advancement. Anything for the promotion of efficiency is welcomed by all industries, especially agriculture. Chemistry plays an exceedingly important part in all industries of modern civilization. Naturally, we can readily see the inestimable value of the service rendered agriculture and forestry by chemistry.

Food, clothes and building materials are three fundamental factors of the great population of America. Without the guiding hand of the chemist, maintenance of the increasing multitudes of people would be literally impossible. Soil, the basis of these necessities, would become exhausted were there no artificial way of supplying nutri-ment for the plants. However, Nature provided for this by allowing chemistry to become highly developed. When the population increased and the farming area decreased, the chemist showed restoration of the fertility of all soils by artificial means was possible and how the unavailable supply of plant food in the soil could be tapped. Chemistry alone made possible the analysizing of soils, so that deficiencies in any of the necessary elements could be corrected. Chemistry helped in the study of plant food requirements of various plants and ways of supplying these requirements economically. The various chemical researches of the soil began over a century ago, but only in recent years has any great increase in quality and yield of products been shown. However, now that the farmer is helped by the chemist, his yields are greatly increased.

During recent years chemistry made the manufacture of highly available and concentrated fertilizers so widespread and economical that practically any farmer in the country can purchase and use a certain amount with profit. The chemist, indirectly, taught the farmer what his plants require, what is deficient in the soil and what element it would be most practical to use. He showed that out of the eighty elements occurring

in nature, only thirteen are used in the growth of plants. Only three of these are required in large amounts, these being phosphorus, nitrogen and potassium. Since all soils do not have the same deficiencies, the chemist has made it possible to secure any of the three in large quantities and in different degrees of availability. The chemistry enlightened farmer can restore and build up the fertility of his soil annually with diminutive expense. Chemical or commercial fertilizers are very necessary to farmers of the present time, so it is important that analysis of fertilizer should be reliable and true. The chemist regularly tests different brands and prevents any fraudulent fertilizer from finding its way to the market. It is very important that the farmer gets good fertilizer, as food for the increasing multitudes must be produced on the diminishing farm lands.

In the western part of our State, Virginia, there are vast deposits of limestone. Apparently the land of that region should abound in lime. But the opposite is true. (*All* the available calcium constituents of the limestone have been dissolved out by exposure to water). The same happened to the lime of the soil. Naturally, there was a problem as to where lime was to come from. The chemist, through a process of calcining of the limestone, made it available to the soil. There are many uses of lime in its decomposed forms on the farm. Chief among these are its powers to counteract acidity in the soil, its beneficial effect upon nitrifying bacteria and the germicidal properties it possesses. Lime plays an important part in farm construction work. It is the basis of an important fungicide spray with which most of us are familiar, that is, lime-sulfur. Lime-sulfur is a mixture of the persulfides of calcium, made by boiling a solution of calcium hydroxide with sulfur. The extensive use of this spray in the apple-growing district of this State has raised the standard of quality and has increased the yield of the fruit tremendously.

Although the part chemistry plays in supplying plants with food for growth and fruitage is important, it is equally important that chemistry protects vegetative life from disease and other inconspicuous enemies. Disease and insects annually take a tremendous toll in plant life. Not that only tree and plant life is involved, but it is the welfare of the farmer that is in danger when disease or insects menace his crops or forest. Disease and insects seem to be more prevalent, apparently, in vegetative life than in animal life. In the present time it is almost impossible to raise a competitive crop of fruit or trucks without the use of chemical sprays. When protected from insects and disease, the yields of vegetables, apples, grapes and other fruits are more than doubled, yet the cost is less than if a larger area were farmed. The placing of chemicals that will check the ravages of insects and disease at the disposal of the farmer, fruit grower and forester is one of the greatest services of chemistry to agriculture.

This is especially true in the Southern section of our country, where cotton, one of the most important cash crops of the South, is raised. The cotton boll weevil had of late increased its depredations to such a point that cotton growing seemed doomed to failure. But the ever-helpful chemist brought forth that now-famous insecticide, calcium arsenate, and as a result the weevil is now under control to a great extent. This means much, not only to our country, but also to the rest of the world, as cotton is a leading article in international trade and is used in the manufacture of multitudes of necessities and luxuries.

However, the chemist does not stop when he has fed and safeguarded our plant life from disease and insects. He turns about and safeguards humans and lower animals from the same enemies with medicines and tonics derived from plants and chemicals. The farmer has cause to rejoice because of this protection, for his animals, whatever they may be, are not blessed with perpetual health. Comparatively little is known of a certain few diseases, but as a whole, the chemist is well prepared to combat other diseases common to farm animals. Chemistry plays an important part in the eradication of insects that infest farm animals. Chickens are often greatly bothered with various parasites, such as lice and mites. These are killed by applying some suitable chemical to the head and under the wings. Further control is secured by thoroughly disinfecting the henhouse with kerosene, carbolic acid or a solution of ferrous sulfate. Solutions of potassium permanganate, or hydrogen peroxide, are used in treatment of diseased poultry. Calcium persulfide, cresol, nicotine compounds or other similar chemicals are used in dips to rid sheep and cattle of lice and ticks. Small rodents which play such a large part in the spread of disease are eradicated by resorting to certain chemical poisons, such as strychinine.

Not only is great service rendered the farmer when his stock is protected from disease, but the chemist has gone further and taught the farmer what feeds are composed of, what effect they have upon the animal, and what a balanced ration is. Through his efforts, it has been made possible to get a feed to meet any requirement of farm animals. Rations have been outlined that contain vitamins, lime, phosphates and other positively necessary ingredients that are needed by growing stock. Chemistry has discovered feeding values in so many materials that have hitherto been thrown away as wastes. For instance, let us consider cotton. When the seed was picked from the linters it had practically no value. Later the chemist increased the cotton growers' income by separating the hull from the meats. The hulls are converted chiefly into feed, fertilizer, cellulose containing fiber, a basis for explosives and numerous pressed paper products. The meats are a source of crude oil, cake and meal. The cake and meal are converted into feed, fertilizer, flour and dyes. The crude oil is refined and used for food purposes (either in the oil state or in combination with other fats). Many other by-products are derived from cotton seed. These are used in the manufacture of tars, soaps, linoleum and oilcloths.

Another instance of the infinite aid rendered by the chemist toward feeding farm animals is shown by the way he handled the corn crop during recent years. There is no other grain crop of such economic importance in America as the corn crop. A large percentage of animal life is supported by corn. Since the chemist looked into the possibilities of corn he has greatly enhanced the value of the crop. He separated the grain into hull, body and germ, obtaining bran from the hull, starch from the body and oil from the germ. The foundation of many other important products are based upon these materials. The cob of the corn, which is now a waste, will soon be utilized for something by the chemist.

The peanut is fast becoming a popular crop in diversified farming in the South, since the chmeist found about one hundred and forty-seven uses for it. Naturally, the price per bushel has been enormously increased.

Obvoiusly, the chemist played an important part in lowering the cost of feeding animals, thus enabling the farmer to raise more live stock economically and consequently increase the food supply by utilizing the wastes of many products.

In modern dairying the milk must be tested for butter fat and the cheese for casein. We should then recognize the value of the chemical sulfuric acid, which plays an important part in these tests. Knowledge of the exact percent of butter fat given by the different cows is essential to economical feeding of cows.

This brings up the part the chemist has learned of the process of digestion and assimilation of food by the body. The chemist knows that the living body, whether human or animal, is an infinitely complex chemical laboratory in which endless and extremely intricate chemical changes are always taking place. The continual oxidation taking place within the body, the building up of bone and tissue, the digestion and utilization of food, and indeed practically all the processes going on within the body, are chemical changes. The chemist realizes that these fundamental chemical and physical changes determine in a most vital way the health of the body, and that when disease is contracted by the body it is an absolutely certain sign that one or more of the countless minute reactions are progressing improperly or not at all. This knowledge enabled the chemist to make accurate statements in regard to what the farmer should feed his animals to promote health, growth and vigor in the stock. He discovered in what substances vitamins are in and told the farmer to feed that to his young stock.

Great as is the part of chemistry in the science of agriculture and in the development of latent materials into useful products, the relation of chemistry to forestry is equally important.

It would be well-nigh impossible to enumerate all the articles made of wood. It suffices to say that we could scarcely live decently without wood. Wood is a very complex, chemical substance. Paper, 90 per cent of which is made of wood, is probably the most important and necessary product of wood. (We are all familiar with paper; we read from it, write on it, wipe our hands on it, and we pack our food in paper). The most common grade of paper is made from wood cut into chips and cooked with a solution of calcium bisulfate, a chemical prepared by the union of an excess of sulfurous acid with calcium hydroxide. This process dissolves out the objectional constitutient of the wood, lignin, leaving pure cellulose, which is the material used in making paper. Spruce, hemlock, balsam and poplar have hitherto supplied most of the wood for paper. Southern yellow pine, which has been thought to be useless for paper, is now used for rougher wrapping paper.

Turpentine, wood alcohol, charcoal and acetate of lime are products of wood derived by distillation. All these products are important in the chemical world because they furnish so much needed material. Turpentine is used in paint-mixing, as medcine and for other purposes. Wool alcohol also is not to be despised, as it finds many uses in industrial and chemical activities of the nation. Charcoal also is very important, being used for insulation, refining sugar and in smelting of ores. One big reason why the process of distillation of wood is important is because waste materials, like slabs, sawdust, crooked trees and stumps, can be utilized.

Before chemistry discovered the value of resin, it was thrown away in the process of distilling turpentine. Now there are many uses for it. Important by-products are: linoleum, silk, ink, soap, varnish, celluloid, chloroform and iodoform. Chemistry continues finding important products in wastes. At present experiments are being made in attempting to convert sawdust into a highly volatile alcohol which may be used instead of gasoline in internal combustion engines. If chemistry succeeds, it may prove of great value, as there are rumors of the depletion of the oil supply.

One of the greatest problems now facing America is the rapid depletion of forests and the ultimate extinction of timber, unless steps are immediately taken in the opposite direction. Educated people of today realize the fact that at the rate trees are going today they will be extinct in twenty years. But the ignorant believe that there is just as much timber now as in the past, consequently their tendency is to be wasteful with wood. There are several ways in which the requirements for wood can be met. Through reforestation, supply more wood, use the present supply more effectively and use where possible some substitute of wood. Chemistry is striving in the fight to help win against deforestation. Great assistance was rendered by chemistry in using the present supply more effectively. Chemicals protect lumber from its worst enemies, decay-producing organisms. Paints, oils and creosote are extensively used. In such wastes as rags, unused cotton linters, other similar things, are used in the manufacture of paper. Iron and cement are good substitutes of lumber.

So in hundreds of ways we see where chemistry is a fundamental factor in modern scientific agriculture and forestry. As agriculture has been in the past the basis of safety of the nation, so it shall be in the future. The ever-increasing population and the decreasing farm lands and forests are a problem of modern education, commerce and finance. However, with the aid of chemistry, the solution is evident.

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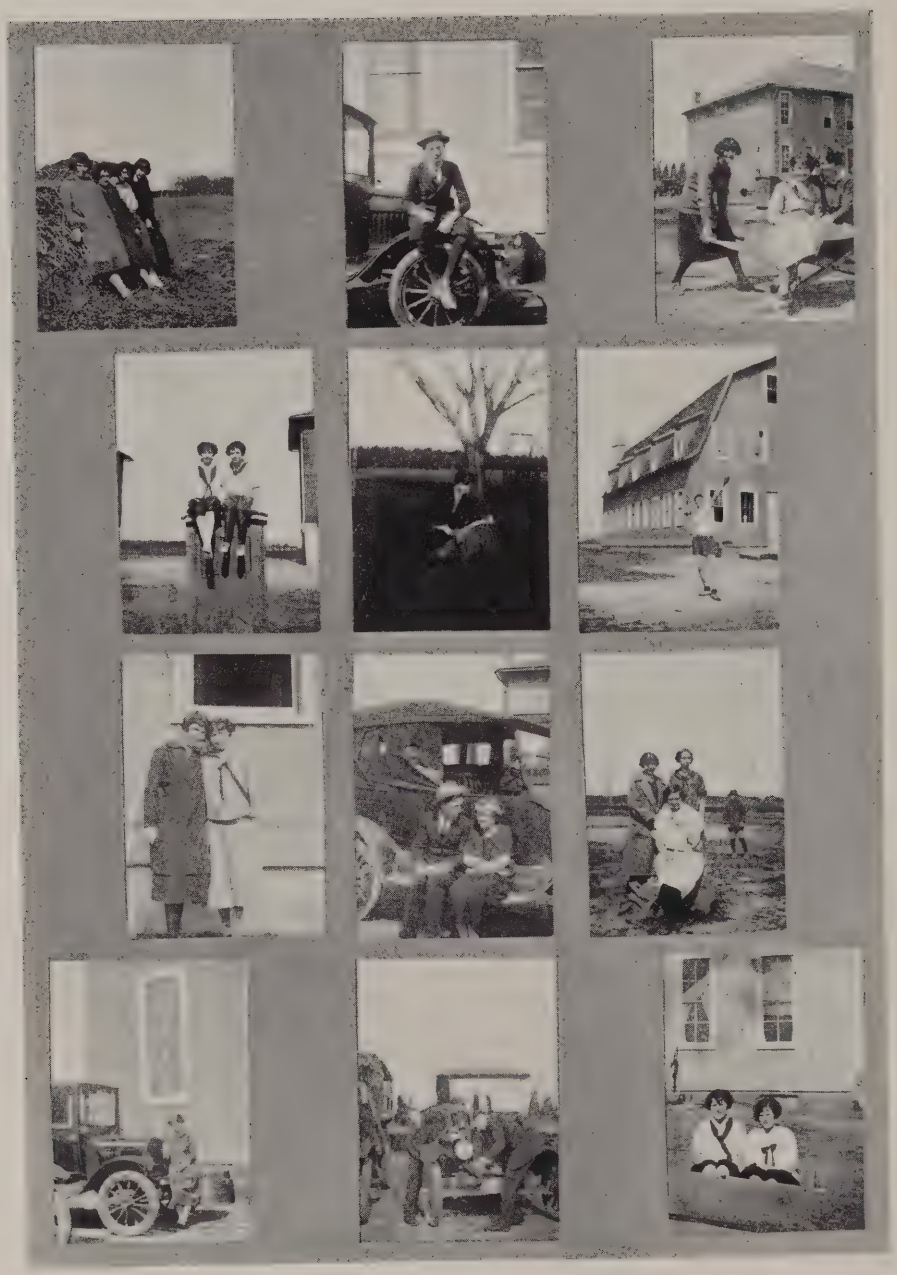
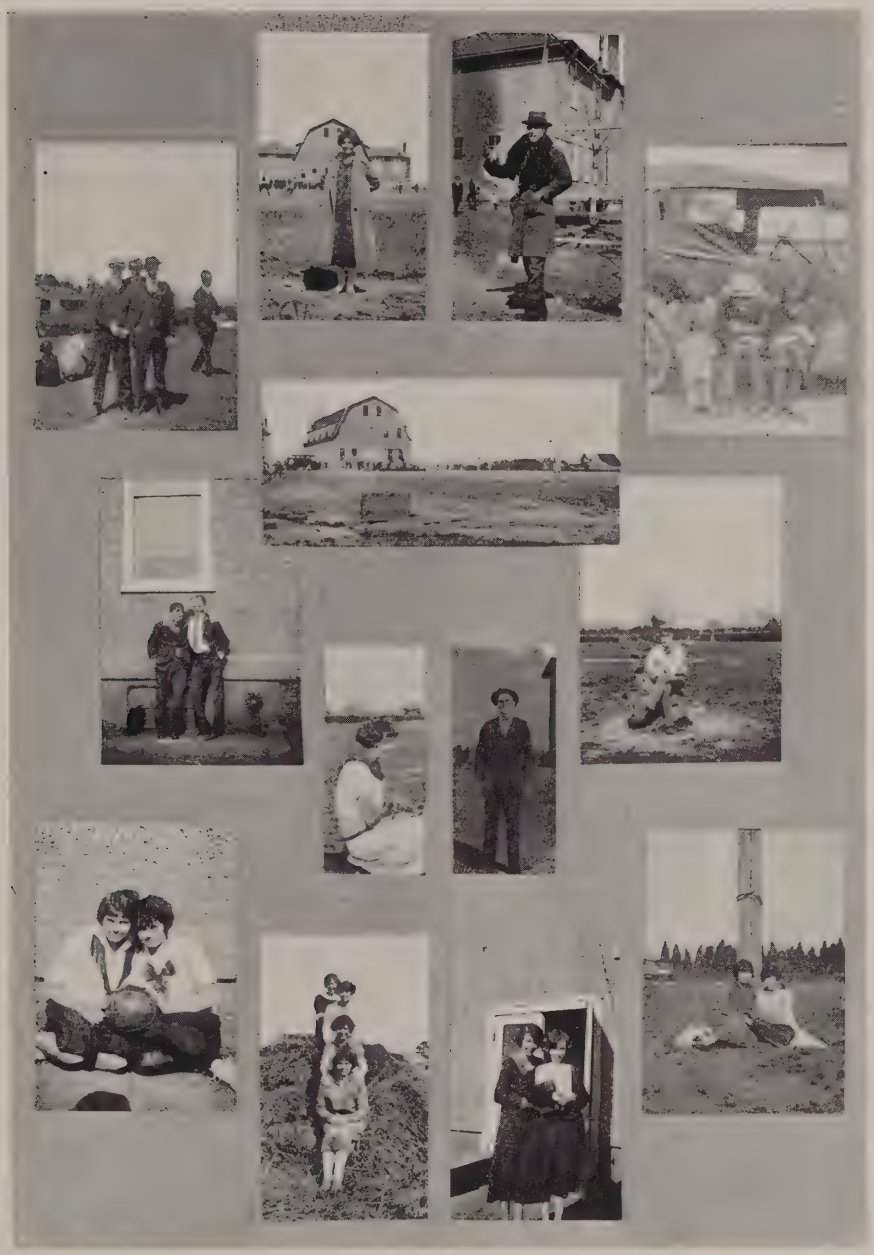




# The Henrico County Fair

THE HENRICO COUNTY FAIR, Henrico's greatest event, was held at Varina Agricultural High School on October 2nd and 3rd.

In no previous years has such a large quantity of high quality products been exhibited. The farm crop department was crowded to capacity with corn, potatoes, leguminous hays and all other farm products. The live stock and poultry show was bigger and better than ever before; the large and varied exhibits in the ladies and school departments proved that the importance of the home and education is being fully realized by the citizens of Henrico County. The spectators and judges unanimously declared that this was the best fair ever held in the county.

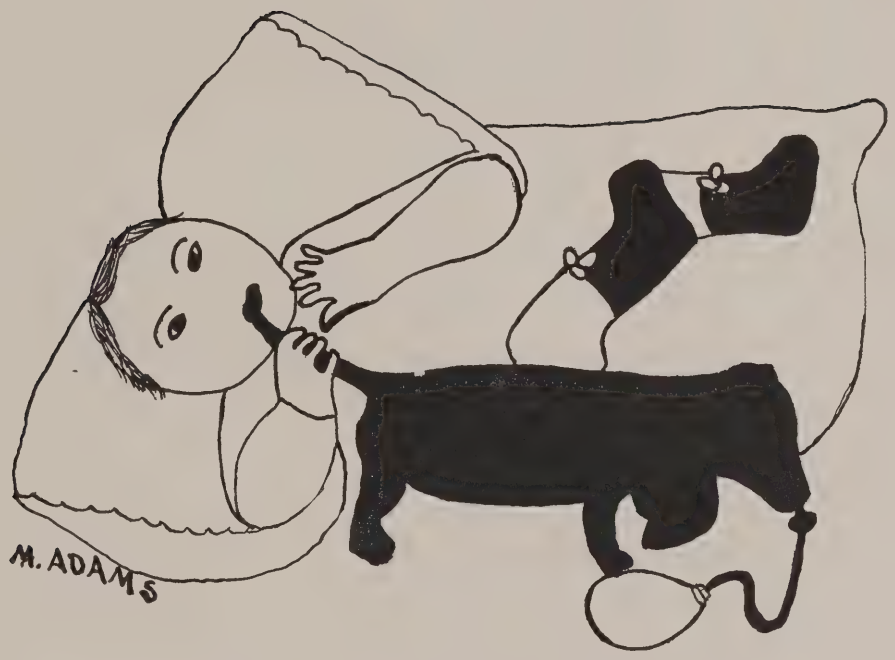
Many people came out to congratulate the blue ribbon winners and to enjoy the fellowship of all those who were interested in the development of Henrico resources.

Additional entertainment was furnished by a merry-go-round and a show. During the evening there was a real treat for those present—the Varina Band furnished music and a wonderful display of fireworks was given.

The County Fair is doing a great work in the development of a higher quality of farm products and livestock. It should grow and become bigger and better each year if every one interested in Henrico's development will co-operate.

For information see the Business Manager, C. C. Abernathy, or talk with any progressive farmer.

The next fair will be held September 10th-11th, 1925.

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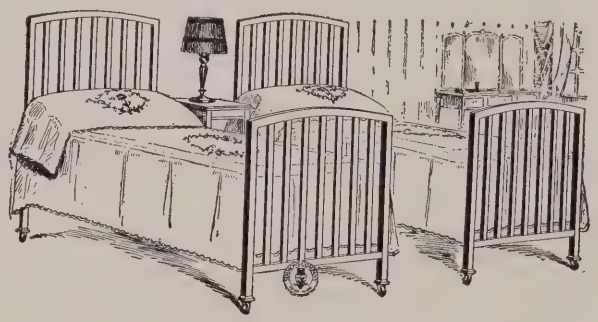

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